

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019**

Coaching to Poor Students

1199. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that poor students are not able to afford the huge coaching expense for various competitive exams;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to provide free coaching to the poor students to enable them to appear in various competitive exams;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, whether the Government will consider the same, if so, the details, thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (d) : Private Coaching Institutes do not come under the purview of this Ministry. This Ministry has issued directions to all State Governments to take steps for effective regulation of such centres. At present, there is no proposal to provide free coaching to the poor students for preparation for competitive exams. However, in the interest of students including the most disadvantaged, Government has launched Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), which offers interactive course content such as video lectures, reading material, self-assessment through tests and quizzes and online discussion forum for clearing doubts for students from Class 9 to post-graduation. The content can be accessed free of cost by anyone, anywhere at any time.

Another initiative of the Government called Indian Institute of Technology - Professor Assisted Learning (IIT-PAL) which provides video content in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics prepared by IIT Professors and Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) teachers for Class XI and Class XII students aspiring to join IITs and other Institutions. The content is available free of cost on dedicated DTH channels of SWAYAM PRABHA.
