

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th September, 2020

ONLINE CLASSES

†118. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA :

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- a) Whether the Government proposes to provide smart phones by giving special discount to the school students specially the students of economically weaker sections and scheduled tribes for imparting them education through e-class during the lockdown period:
- b) If so, the details thereof;
- c) Whether the Government is formulating any scheme in this regard;
- d) Whether the New Education Policy has special provisions of smart class and E-class for the students of poor strata of society?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

- (a) & (b) By accessing the local situation, with the onsite report from the concerned authorities, after analysing the needs and requirements, states have been advised to do the needful to the students.
- (c) The state governments have been directed to act based on the situation prevailing at every place to meet the demands of all students including economically weaker students and tribes especially for providing them with the digital access required for learning digitally.
- (d) The National Education Policy 2020 calls for benefits of online/digital education to all children. Para 24.4 (f) of the new education policy discusses the possibilities of digital equipment suitable for poor students.
