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TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th March, 2021

Impact of Online Learning on Children

†2084. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the impact of lockdown on mental and social health of children and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the children have become irritable as they are not going to school and their learning has been badly affected due to strict lockdown;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the advantages and disadvantages of online learning/education and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Education has launched the 'Manodarpan' initiative under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. It is aimed to provide psychosocial support to students, family members and teachers for their mental health and well-being during the times of Covid-19 and beyond. <http://manodarpan.mhrd.gov.in/>

Mapping of the students is being done school wise and individual performance of every student has been observed and a track on the same has been put on record. Accordingly, the state governments have been directed to act based on the situation prevailing at every place to meet the demands of all students for providing them with the digital access required for learning digitally.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a 'Cyber Security Handbook' to ensure safe and healthy digital habits among students. This module covers topics in cyber safety, such as cyber bullying, including social exclusion, intimidation, defamation, and emotional harassment, online sexual abuse, cyber radicalisation, online attack and frauds, and online enticement. The 'Cyber Security Handbook' can be accessed at this link:

http://cbseacademic.nic.in/web_material/Manuals/Cyber_Safety_Manual.pdf.
