GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 5
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021

Promotion of online education

*5. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 15th Finance Commission has allocated Rs.5,000 crores for promotion of
online education in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether any assessment has been made about the requirement of laptops for college
students in the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and
(e) the details of the action plan prepared/being prepared to spend this amount within the
award period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

Part (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO Parts (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 5 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021 ASKED BY SHRI
BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI HON’BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
REGARDING “PROMOTION OF ONLINE EDUCATION”.

(a) to (c): The 15th Finance Commission has recommended, a grant of Rs. 6,143 Cr. for online
learning and development of professional courses in regional languages (matribhasha) for higher
education in India. This includes promotion of online education through the development of
Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), direct-to-home (DTH) content development, digital
classrooms and provision of devices (laptop/ tablets) for 25 lakhs students belonging to socially
and economically weaker sections of the society. The inter se distribution between states has
been made on the basis of 2011 census population.

(d): An amount of Rs. 250 Cr. has been allocated for state of Andhra Pradesh out of total amount
of Rs. 6,143 Cr. recommended.

(e): 15th Finance Commission, in their report has recommended following year-wise distribution
for this grant:

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