

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.

**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:

Rs. in Cr.

Year	Online Education				Development of professional courses in regional languages	Total
	MOOCs Developments	DTH	Device	Digital classrooms		
2021-22	68	3	449	400	213	1133
2022-23	83	5	463	413	213	1177
2023-24	129	13	477	427	213	1259
2024-25	148	14	492	436	213	1303
2025-26	91	11	505	451	213	1271
Total	519	46	2386	2127	1065	6143
