GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION **LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 114** TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/07/2021

Problems in Online Exams

114. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the problems faced by students in online exams;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address these problems along with relevant data; and

(c) whether the Government has considered conducting exams offline; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): In order to address the problems faced by the students in online exams, as well as to ensure continuation of academic activities, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued Guidelines dated 29.04.2020 on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent Lockdown. This provides for online/offline/blended mode of examination.

In addition, the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 also prescribes for Conduct of Examination and Minimum Standards for Examination Centres.