

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †133
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021

QUALITY OF EDUCATION DURING COVID-19

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the details of the steps taken to impart quality education to the children of Scheduled Tribes and poor families who do not possess smart mobile phones?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA) :

In view of the unprecedented Covid 19 crisis, providing quality education to tribal students has been a big challenge. Concerted efforts were made to ensure that academic process in schools do not get affected to a very large extent. In this regard, EMRSs adopted a blended model of learning combining both online and offline mode. Many schools during lockdown, made use of technological platforms as Youtube, DIKSHA, Whatsapp, Google Classroom, Mobile Apps (StepApp) etc.. Some of the processes adopted by States to reach out to students where availability of smart device or connectivity was a challenge are as follows:

- a. Delivery of study materials to the houses of students including postal delivery.
- b. Telephonic counselling and guidance by teachers and principals.
- c. Special campaigns for reaching the doorstep of students and providing them with the required learning materials including books, etc., like Shikshan Setu Abhiyan, Project Unlock Learning, School on Wheels.
- d. Physical visit by teachers to the villages of students for guiding the students through Village Learning Circles, Alternate Mentorship and Learning Programmes (ALMP)
- e. In case of availability of televisions, students were encouraged to make use of satellite TV channels like EDUSAT, Gyan Darshan etc.
