

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2145
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND AUGUST, 2021**

Safety in Online Education

2145. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps have been taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the online safety of young learners and preventing them from falling into frauds, scams or obscenities and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is taking any measures to control or prevent cyber-bullying which has the potential to rise as more group activities move online, as perpetrators can hide behind usernames or handles and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is taking steps to spread awareness amongst parents and other stakeholders to ensure they are properly equipped to safeguard their wards and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (c) 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

Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has prepared guidelines to handle the security concerns about various video conferencing apps, which can be found at this link:

<https://www.cert-in.org.in/s2cMainServlet?pageid=PUBWEL01>

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has also issued advisory to all secretaries at school education department of all states to ensure safety of students in online classes.

PRAGYATA guidelines for school heads and teachers describe the need assessment, planning and steps to implement digital education while ensuring cyber safety and privacy measures. The guidelines can be accessed at:

https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines_0.pdf
