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Online Classes for Primary Education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide online classes for alternative study in Government primary schools during COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds have been utilized for this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details of CSR funds provided thereof State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b) Online classes are being conducted at the schools by employing various digital tools in the form of DIKSHA portal (<https://diksha.gov.in/>), SWAYAM Portal (swayam.gov.in), e-Pathshala (<https://epathshala.nic.in/>), NROER (National Repository of Open Educational Resources) portal (<https://nroer.gov.in/welcome>).

Learning programmes have also been started in the form of offline learning tools in the form of SWAYAM Prabha, DD Channel, radio, community radio and CBSE podcasts, toll free numbers, missed call, SMS based requests for audio content, localized radio content for edutainment etc.

To reach out to those students who lack access to technology various innovative activities are being done at national, state or district level such as Gali-Gali Sim-Sim, Tili-Mili programme, Motor Eskool, Roving Teacher, Project SMILE (Social Media Interface for Learning Engagement), e-Kaksha, formation of Whatsap and other social media groups, Work Book Distribution at home, Teacher calling to maintain connects with students.

Also Ministry of Education released PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital/Online Education, the guidelines is useful for a diverse set of stakeholders including school heads, teachers, parents, teacher educators and students. Physical health and mental wellness is stressed across the guidelines so that children do not get overly stretched or stressed, or get affected negatively owing to prolonged use of digital devices.

(c) and (d) Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools, colleges and university are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. Central government does not maintain data with respect to utilisation of CSR funds by states.
