GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3292
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021
Instructional Technology

3292.   SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is true that no instructional technology has been developed to replace cooperative learning that takes place in group projects, fields studies, recitals and presentations:

(b) If so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the Government has drawn any action plan to achieve National Education Policy's objective of enhancing the gross enrolment rate in higher education in the country from the current 26 per cent to 50 per cent by 2035; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Instructional technology tools are available to promote cooperative learning. The tools such as padlet, flipgrid, Google Forums to promote cooperative learning have been adopted. More than 25000 faculty members enhanced their skill set in deploying such tools into their classroom teaching through the training program.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has taken the following actions: -

University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 on 4th September, 2020. The same is available on UGC website at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/221580.pdf. Subsequently, an amendment was notified on 1st July, 2021 in the Gazette which is available on UGC website at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6852408_UGC(ODL-Programmes-and-Online-Programmes)(Amendment)Regulations,-2021.pdf.

All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) has framed comprehensive Guidelines for imparting Education through ODL & Online mode. The same is available on the website of AICTE at https://www.aicte-india.org/sites/default/files/aicte-odl-online-guidelines-2021.pdf .

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