

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th DECEMBER, 2021**

Online Education

*120. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government initiated action on the huge demand for graphical Power Point Presentation and media resources for online classes and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to arrange short term classes for the teachers for updating their skills and if so, the details of action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to use online radio, community radio, audio video studio for the purpose of overcoming the challenges in online education and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revise the syllabus and mode of examination considering the COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof?

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

Part (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 120 ASKED BY SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY, HON'BLE
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING ONLINE EDUCATION.**

(a) COVID-19 has forced every teacher and student to utilise the potentials of digital technology to continue their learning remotely. Keeping in view the requirements, CIET- NCERT initiated a webinar series focusing to orient teachers, students and other stakeholders on various ICT tools, digital initiatives at national level, emerging trends in educational technology, cyber safety and security. A variety of sessions in English and Hindi has been conducted live which is simulcast through YouTube live as well as 12 PM eVIDYA DTH TV Channels on DD Free Dish, TATA Sky, DISH TV, Airtel and Jio TV mobile App. Similarly, undertook large scale capacity building of teachers to empower them in the usage of ICT for education.

(b) An Integrated Teacher Training Programme called NISHTHA has been launched, it is a capacity building programme for "**Improving Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training**". NISHTHA can be accessed from the below link: <https://itpd.ncert.gov.in//>

(c) Yes, Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani has been extensively used: Till date (25.11.2021) 3,211 pieces of curriculum-based radio programmes (Classes 1 -12) for its dissemination/ broadcast on 230 Radio Stations (18 GyanVani FM Radio Stations, 80 Community Radio Stations), 132 All India Radio stations, Podcasts on iRadio and Mobile apps.

(d) Education is a concurrent subject in the constitution and majority of schools come under the purview of the state and UT governments. CBSE, the Central Board of Secondary Education has rationalized the syllabus and introduced a two stage board examination process – one objective type covering half the syllabus and another descriptive type covering the other half of the syllabus.
