

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2436
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021**

Free Coaching for Competitive Exams

2436. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state?

- (a) whether the Government is aware that poor students are not able to afford the huge coaching expenses for competitive exams like National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) and Joint Entrance Exam (JEE);
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal for providing free coaching to poor students to enable them appear in such competitive exams;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard.

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d): In order to help the students to practice well for NEET (UG) and JEE (Main) entrance examinations, National Testing Agency (NTA), has launched a Mobile App 'National Test Abhyas' to facilitate candidates' access to high quality mock tests online free of cost. For NEET (UG), 14.11 lakh students have registered in this mobile app for test practice and 81.24 lakh Sessions of Mock Test have been conducted. For JEE (Main), 9.59 lakh students have registered for test practice and 50.73 lakh Sessions of Mock Test have been conducted. In the interest of students including the most disadvantaged, Government has launched Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), which offers interactive course content such as video lectures, reading material, self-assessment through tests and quizzes and online discussion forum for clearing doubts for students from Class 9 to Post-Graduation. The content can be accessed free of cost by anyone, anywhere at any time. Another initiative of the Government called Indian Institute of Technology - Professor Assisted Learning (IIT-PAL) provides video content in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics prepared by IIT Professors for Class XI and Class XII students aspiring to join IITs and other Institutions. The content is available free of cost on dedicated DTH channels of SWAYAM PRABHA.