

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3559**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**E-learning**

**3559. SHRI JUAL ORAM:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of school students in the country who do not have access to any form of online learning or e-learning State and UT-wise break-up;
- (b) the measures taken to ensure seamless continuation of learning for students who lack such access;
- (c) the details of measures taken to equip teachers with appropriate resources to continue conducting classes during the Covid-19 pandemic; and
- (d) the frameworks, if any, for the safe reopening of schools and universities and contingency plans for prolonged e-learning in case of extended closure of schools and Universities?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(SMT ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) The State/UT wise data regarding the 'number of schools having internet facility by school category and management' and 'number of schools having computer available by school category and management' is available at serial No. 37 (Id 3106) and 38 (Id 3109) respectively under the sub-heading **Infrastructure** of which the UDISE++ link has been provided herewith:

<https://dashboard.udiseplus.gov.in/#/reportDashboard/sReport>

(b) To facilitate the online learning by all students a comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA has been initiated as part of AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. The initiative includes:

- DIKSHA the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in states/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades (one nation, one digital platform).

- One earmarked Swayam Prabha TV channel per class from 1 to 12 (one class, one channel).
- Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani.
- Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube.

(c) 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/>

(d) The Ministry of Education has issued detailed SOP/guidelines regarding health and safety precautions for reopening of schools after issue of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) guidelines for unlock-5, on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. These guidelines can be accessed at:

[https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/SOP\\_Guidelines\\_for\\_reopening\\_schools\\_0.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/SOP_Guidelines_for_reopening_schools_0.pdf)

University Grant Commission or UGC has released a notification on the official website which is available at:

[https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/0626368\\_UGC-Letter-Regarding-COVID-Appropriate-Behaviour-in-HEIs.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/0626368_UGC-Letter-Regarding-COVID-Appropriate-Behaviour-in-HEIs.pdf)

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