

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2928
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022

NEAT 3.0

2928. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) 3.0, a single platform;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) the funds sanctioned and the targets set therein;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to cover the far-flung areas of the country and if so, the details thereof indicating the States likely to be covered therein; and
- (e) whether the Government has also proposed to cover the students belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Economically Weaker Section categories therein and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which they are likely to be covered?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) 3.0 was launched by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on 4th March 2022.

(b) to (e) NEAT has been launched as a Public-Private partnership portal between AICTE and Education Technology companies in India which list their courses or other supplemental learning products on NEAT Portal. NEAT covers all the States and Union Territories students across the country. Learning products, to help enhance youth employability, are offered in the areas such as Laboratory tools/AI-based simulation Tool (Like Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAM) etc.), coding skills and testing, Emerging Technology (5G, AI, ML, and drones etc.), industry projects and Entrepreneurship, by the EdTech companies through NEAT portal. Around 2 lakhs Students are registered on the Portal from all parts of the country since its launch in 2020. 25% of the coupons are provisioned for students belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Economically Weaker Section across the country, free of cost by the EdTech companies. Free coupons have been distributed to nearly 12 lakhs students belonging to socially and economically weaker sections of the society. 58 Ed-Tech companies are listed on Portal, providing around 100 learning products.
