

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022

Digital Univrsity

5163. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds estimated for setting up Digital University in the Country;
- (b) the time by which it is likely to be set up; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to achieve its target especially in rural areas where there is no internet or wifi connectivity so far and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Government of India in its Budget 2022-2023 has announced establishment of Digital University. The University will provide access to students across the country for world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experience at their doorsteps. This will be made available in different Indian languages and Information & Communication Technology (ICT) formats. The University will be built on a networked hub-spoke model, with the hub building cutting edge ICT expertise. The best public universities and institutions in the country will collaborate as a network of hub-spokes. The Department of Higher Education, in consultation with University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and other stakeholders has initiated the process to ensure the early start of this digital university.

(c) To ensure the last mile connectivity in rural areas, BharatNet project is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications. Under this project broadband connectivity mainly through Optical Fiber Cable is provided to the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country.

Further, where there is low internet connectivity, educational contents are being provided through SWAYAM Prabha DTH channels
