

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1372
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

Massive Open Online Courses

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Universities which have started their Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) through SWAYAM Portal;
- (b) the number of languages in which SWAYAM PRABHA TV channel is available;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that unique content for hearing impaired learners is not available for primary school students, and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government intends to create content for hearing impaired learners in primary schools; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) One hundred twelve (112) universities have offered Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) through SWAYAM Portal till June, 2022.
- (b) Educational contents are broadcasted in total 15 languages through 19 multilingual SWAYAM PRABHA TV channels.
- (c) to (e) NEP 2020 reiterates the need for standardization of Indian Sign Language (ISL), and development of National and State Curriculum materials for use by students with hearing impairment. Various initiatives are being undertaken towards serving such students by creating quality learning resources. A Total of 859 ISL videos for primary classes have already been produced which regularly telecast on PM eVIDYA DTH TV channels on 24x7 basis. These are also uploaded and disseminated on DIKSHA portal and mobile apps. Over 12,500 words ISL Dictionary (including glossary for subjects like Economics, History & Geography) developed through an MoU between National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), an autonomous body under M/o Education and Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (a National Institute under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) is also being disseminated to students.