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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1498
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Implementation of AI-Based Learning Initiatives

1498. Smt. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of implementation of AI-based digital learning initiatives, including the TARA (Technology-Aided Reading Assessment) App and My Career Advisor App, during the Financial Year 2025–26, along with the number of students covered, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total funds allocated and utilised for these initiatives during the Financial year 2025–26, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of deployment of the TARA App and My Career Advisor App during the Financial year 2025–26, including the number of schools, institutions and students benefited in the country including the State of Odisha; and
- (d) whether these initiatives have been extended to educational institutions in backward and rural districts of Odisha, particularly Bolangir Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency and if so, the extent of coverage?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): TARA (Teachers' Assistant for Reading Assessment) is an AI driven tool to develop and deploy reliable and scalable digital solutions for the assessment of Oral Reading Fluency (ORF), a critical component of foundational literacy. TARA app uses audio signal analyses to measure attributes linked to word decoding accuracy, pace and expression in oral reading. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay for Technology Aided Reading Assessment (TARA) App, an AI-based digital learning initiative. Further, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has implemented the TARA App during the Financial Year 2025-26. The TARA App is being used to assess foundational reading skills of students in Hindi and English in classes 3 to 8 in Kendriya Vidyalayas, located in various regions, including backward and rural areas of Odisha and KVs in Bolangir Lok Sabha Parliamentary

Constituency, as part of KVS's uniform academic initiatives. So far, 704210 KV students from classes 3 to 8 have been assessed through TARA app in all 1289 KVs. Out of these, almost 34000 students were tested in Odisha. In the financial year 2025-26, KVS has made a provision of ₹2447048/- plus GST 18%, for conducting and analysing the Oral Reading Assessment (ORF) through TARA app.

My Career Advisor App (MCA) is an AI-enabled digital career guidance and counselling platform launched on 29 July 2025, with a view to empower students to make informed career decisions. The application has been developed in collaboration with Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), Bhopal, NCERT and Wadhvani Foundation. The initiative is aligned with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, which emphasizes holistic, integrated, and future-ready education.

A National-level Workshop on the My Career Advisor App was organised by PSSCIVE, Bhopal on 30th October 2025 at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi, with participation from State/UT officials, SCERT representatives, vocational education functionaries, and other key stakeholders. The workshop focused on awareness creation, functional orientation, and hands-on demonstration of the App's AI-enabled features for student career guidance. To ensure wider dissemination and effective implementation at the grassroots level including the educational institutions in backward and rural areas across India, including participants from Odisha, State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs) have been requested to organize State-Level Capacity Building Workshops on the same theme, aimed at equipping teachers, counsellors, and other stakeholders with the necessary understanding and skills to guide students effectively.

AI Bootcamp was organised at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Sambalpur, in which 30 students and 04 teachers representing the Odisha State Board including aspirants from educationally backward and rural regions, were sensitised to the App. The initiative aimed at bridging information gaps and enabling equitable access to AI-based career guidance tools for students from underserved regions.

State-level training sessions have been conducted in nine States/UTs viz. Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Nagaland, Telangana, Gujarat, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. As on date, the MCA platform has more than 1.46 lakh registered users getting benefitted from the App, details of which are at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART 'A' TO 'D' IN THE REPLY OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1498 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026 ASKED BY SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'IMPLEMENTATION OF AI-BASED LEARNING INITIATIVES'**State/UT-wise details of Enrolments on My Career Advisor (MCA) App**

S. No	State	Enrolment	Passion Tagging
1	Punjab	44750	29881
2	Chandigarh	16345	10738
3	Madhya Pradesh	9166	6295
4	Rajasthan	8477	5761
5	Himachal Pradesh	8168	4258
6	Uttar Pradesh	6567	4715
7	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5395	3454
8	Gujarat	5214	3239
9	Haryana	5169	3676
10	Maharashtra	4849	3506
11	Delhi	4459	3213
12	Chhattisgarh	3574	2177
13	Andhra Pradesh	3506	2132
14	Tamil Nadu	3017	2362
15	Odisha	2423	1275
16	Telangana	2170	1601
17	Karnataka	1991	1642
18	Assam	1467	952
19	Bihar	1425	1110
20	Jammu and Kashmir	1363	883
21	Uttarakhand	1735	1195
22	Tripura	1002	654
23	West Bengal	749	581
24	Kerala	737	561
25	Jharkhand	612	474
26	Puducherry	403	290
27	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	371	306
28	Nagaland	254	190
29	Arunachal Pradesh	247	203
30	Goa	178	134
31	Manipur	126	81
32	Meghalaya	68	44
33	Sikkim	35	27
34	Mizoram	24	16
35	Ladakh	19	13
36	Lakshadweep	6	5
	Total	146061	97644