

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 108
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2016

Online Content

*108. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has signed any Memorandum of Understanding with non-Governmental bodies for providing "Digital/Online Content" throughout the day and free of cost for the benefit of students and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry proposes to launch Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) platform 'Swayam' to provide high quality education on various subjects covering all disciplines and also dedicated 'Prashikshak', a teacher education portal in the country and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(c) the time by which the said facilities are likely to be launched; and

(d) the manner and extent to which MOOC would be beneficial for the education system as well as to the students?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

Part (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 108 ASKED BY SHRI HARI OM PANDAY AND
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV REGARDING ONLINE CONTENT**

(a) No Madam, Ministry has not signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any non-governmental body for providing “Digital/ Online Content”.

(b) and (c) In order to provide the best teaching-learning resources to the students across the country, Government is launching Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) through Online Learning Portal named SWAYAM. Through this, it would be possible for any student or any school drop-out to join virtual classes offered by the best teachers in the Country, interact with the teacher, take tests, earn academic credits and transfer them on their academic record. The courses offered in this portal will cover 9th Class to Post Graduation levels. SWAYAM would provide one stop web location for interactive e-content for all courses having facility of peer group interaction and discussion forums to clarify doubts. SWAYAM and a number of MOOCs are likely to be launched soon.

Government has launched 'Prashikshak', a teacher education portal on 30th June 2016 for bettering the standards of District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) and teachers training.

(d) The Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) offered through SWAYAM will be interactive and prepared by the best teachers in the country. Courses delivered through SWAYAM will be available free of cost to the learners, however students wanting certifications shall be registered and offered a certificate on successful completion of the course, with a little fee. At the end of each course, there will be an assessment of the student through proctored examination and the credits secured in this exam could be transferred to the academic record of the students.
