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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3597 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2016

Scheme under Online Courses

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched various schemes under Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the impact made by such schemes in mountain States especially in Arunachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (c) The Government will be launching the SWAYAM portal for providing online learning courses offered by the best teachers to anyone desirous of learning, at anytime of his choice and to be accessed anywhere in the Country. 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. These courses would be available throughout the country including in Arunachal Pradesh. In order to benefit the areas without internet access, the content provided under SWAYAM would also be telecast through the free-to-air Direct-To-Home TV channels that are going to be launched.
