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Title: Need to increase Government spending on online Education in view of COVID - 19 Pandemic-laid.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE (BARAMATI): The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the educational scenario in our country and the manner in which education is imparted to children. Many private educational institutions have made their classes online and their learning content available to students digitally. Though this evades the problem of infection susceptibility, the question of accessibility of such online education among students remains unaddressed. Many children from low-income households, from rural areas and urban slums do not have proper access to digital tools like computers and laptops. Internet connectivity is also an important concern for these students, which needs to be addressed. Thus, there is a need to promote online education and make digital learning tools accessible to all children. I urge the Centre to increase spending on online education and redirect spending from physical infrastructure at schools to digital infrastructure for students.