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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to introduce Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in the country;
- (b) if so whether all courses are indented to be provided through MOOCs and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed any coordinative institute to monitor various courses and possibilities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. Government will have a platform for MOOCs and MOOCs content will be available in the platform. Introduction of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) is a purely academic matter and is fully in domain of concerned educational institutes. Therefore, educational institutes have to take a decision about the courses to be provided as MOOCs. The Government has no role in deciding this matter, however it facilitates in production and offering MOOCs. The Government has prioritised the Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) platform for hosting MOOCs.

Institutes like Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and few other institutes have started offering Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). As on date, the Government has not appointed any institution to coordinate the monitoring of the various courses.