

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1320
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019**

NEET

1320. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noted that the poor cannot afford to attend private coaching classes for NEET as the expenses go upto Rs. 5 lakh and hence, students belonging to poor and rural sections of the society are at a disadvantage and facing exclusion;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to provide free NEET coaching classes to help the poor and rural aspirants; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (c) : As per the information received from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the syllabus of the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) has been framed after reviewing of various State syllabi as well as those prepared by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), and Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE) to establish uniformity across the country keeping in view the relevance of different areas in medical education. The NEET evaluates minimum knowledge of a candidate in the relevant subjects expected at higher secondary stage.

In the interest of students, including the most disadvantaged, Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), which offers interactive course content such as video lectures, reading material, self-assessment through tests and quizzes and online discussion forum for clearing doubts for students from Class 9 to post-graduation. The content can be accessed free of cost by anyone, anywhere at any time. Another initiative of the Government called Indian Institute of Technology - Professor Assisted Learning (IIT-PAL) provides video content in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics prepared by IIT Professors and Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) teachers for Class XI and Class XII students aspiring to join Higher Educational Institutions. The content is available free of cost on dedicated DTH channels of SWAYAM PRABHA.