176 Written Answers to		[RAJYA SABHA]		Unstarred Questions	
1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	Mathura	1	434	33	77
11.	Meerut	1	1,017	-	400
12.	Moradabad	1	485	10	200
13.	Muzaffarnagar	1	184	40	51
14.	Rae Bareli	2	1,423	149	456
15.	Rampur	1	96	-	24
16.	Varanasi	1	822	60	190
	Grand Total	18	8,409	989	2,044

Source: O/o Deputy Chief (M/S)

## Online education for students

- 454. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government for encouraging more digitalized online education for the students in various parts of the country;
- (b) whether Government has faced any challenges in imparting education through such channels in the rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has prepared any road map to improve the reach and outcomes under the said programme, if so, the details theref?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (c) In order to provide the best teaching-learning resources to the students across the country, Government is launching the SWAYAM—the online learning portal. Through this, it would be possible for any student or any school dropout 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. Apart from this, e-Content in almost all major, Higher Education, subjects is being developed and made available to learners through 'eacharya.inflibnet.ac.in', a web-portal.

## Consultation for New Education Policy

- 455. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has initiated the process of consultation with States for drafting a New Education Policy;