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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 31  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021

**Recommendation of UGC on online education**

31 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has released any recommendations on the standardisation of online education, taking into account that classes in many educational establishments have moved online;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether measures have been taken to change assessment and evaluation practices in a uniform manner across the country due to change in the nature of classes, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government plans to formulate a long term digital education strategy for secondary education?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

Part (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 31 DATED 04.02.2021 ASKED BY SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING RECOMMENDATION OF UGC ON ONLINE EDUCATION**

(a) to (b): Yes, the UGC has notified University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 on 04<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, which can be accessed on <https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/221580.pdf>.

(c): The UGC has issued guidelines dated 29.04.2020 and 06.07.2020 on, inter-alia, assessment and evaluation practices for universities in view of emergence and prevalence of online education, in order to tackle Covid-19 Pandemic.

(d): The long-term Digital Education Strategy for Secondary Education is included in the National Education Policy 2020.

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