

Rajya Sabha Question Diary No. U1116 for 28.7.2021

(a) whether all Government websites are accessible for persons with disabilities (PwDs) as recommended by TRAI in 2018;

Reply: Yes, IITH website is designed to make it easily accessible to PwDs.

(b) whether Government plans to notify accessibility standards for information and Communication Technology (ICT) education under Section 40 of the Rights for Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act:

Reply: The MOE may like to reply as it is about publishing accessibility standards for ICT education.

(c) the details of steps Government took to ensure accessibility in education through online classroom teaching and educational material for (PwDs) during COVID-19 Pandemic?

Reply :

1. Providing recorded video clips of lectures for the convenience of students.

2. Faculty have been sensitised towards the special needs of PwD students. IITH has gone for progressive evaluation model wherein students are awarded grades based on their performance throughout the year and not just the final exams.

3. Lab courses have been postponed in view of the pandemic. In some cases where necessary, virtual labs were arranged.

This is for your kind information.