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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3549
ANSWERED ON-10.08.2026

Status of Implementation and Utilisation of the ONOS Scheme

3549. Shri Abhishek Banerjee:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of institutions eligible, onboarded and actively using the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) platform, State-wise and institution-category-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of registered users, active users, logins, full-text downloads and failed access attempts recorded under ONOS, institution-wise and publisher-wise;
- (c) the details of the amount paid or committed to publishers under the ONOS initiative, publisher-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the number of eligible institutions that have not been onboarded under ONOS, as well as the number of onboarded institutions that have recorded no usage along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any audit to assess duplication with pre-existing institutional subscriptions, under-utilisation, access denial or disparities in usage between Central institutions and State universities under ONOS and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) & (b): The One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) scheme was launched in January 2025 for a period of three years. The scheme envisages country-wide access to scholarly research articles and journal publications to all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) of Central government, HEIs of State Government and Research & Development (R&D) Institutions of Central government. Details of institutions onboarded, registered users, full-text downloads state-wise and institution-category-wise and publisher-wise full-text downloads is available at <https://www.onos.gov.in/>

(c): The details of the amount paid to publishers under ONOS, publisher-wise and year-wise is given at **Annexure**.

(d): All Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) of Central government, HEIs of State Government and Research & Development (R&D) Institutions of Central government are eligible to access ONOS. The onboarding of these institutions is an ongoing process. As of now, 6,215 eligible institutions have successfully been onboarded under ONOS. To address issues such as delay in onboarding and lower usage, the Government of India, through the Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET), has launched several initiatives to promote awareness and enhance utilisation of the scheme nationwide. These include conducting special lectures and organising webinars with nodal officers at the institutional level. In addition, offline awareness sessions have been delivered in collaboration with universities to reach institutions with limited digital access. To provide continuous support, INFLIBNET also regularly uploads Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to resolve queries and facilitate smoother adoption of ONOS.

(e): The ONOS Scheme has integrated earlier initiatives of various Ministries and Departments, which previously subscribed to library consortia individually to provide access to research publications. This consolidation was undertaken to eliminate duplication of expenses and streamline access under a single comprehensive scheme. Access to ONOS is granted to eligible institutions possessing a unique AISHE code. The scheme ensures equitable access, with no issues of under-utilisation, denial, or disparities in usage.

Annexure

Annexure Referred to in Reply of Part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3549 Raised by Shri Abhishek Banerjee, Hon'ble Member of Parliament Answered on 10.08.2026 Regarding "Status of Implementation and Utilisation of the ONOS Scheme"

Details of the amount paid or committed to publishers under the ONOS initiative, publisher-wise and year-wise

(₹ in crore)

Sl.No.	Publisher	2025	2026
1.	American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS – Science)	6.75	8.01
2.	ACM Digital Library	8.96	10.40
3.	American Chemical Society Journals	66.60	78.18
4.	American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Journals	6.72	7.81
5.	American Institute of Physics Journals	30.82	35.78
6.	American Mathematical Society Journals	3.24	3.77
7.	American Physical Society – ALL	22.36	26.02
8.	American Society for Microbiology Journals	2.64	3.07
9.	Annual Reviews Journals	7.84	8.97
10.	ASCE Journals Online	7.73	8.98
11.	ASME Journals Online	7.78	9.03
12.	Bentham Science Journals	2.43	2.88
13.	BMJ Journals	12.88	15.39
14.	Cambridge University Press Journals	21.08	25.62
15.	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press Journals	2.05	2.43
16.	Elsevier ScienceDirect Journals	541.50	640.42
17.	Emerald Publishing Journals	38.48	45.26
18.	ICE Publishing Journals	2.52	2.96
19.	IEEE Journals	111.81	132.24
20.	IndianJournals.com	6.27	6.77
21.	Institute of Physics Journals	31.97	38.26
22.	Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (Wolters Kluwer) Journals	42.71	50.63
23.	Oxford University Press Journals	31.08	36.05
24.	Project Muse	8.38	9.75
25.	Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Journals*	-	44.62
26.	Sage Publishing Journals	57.64	67.18
27.	SPIE Digital Library	2.47	2.87
28.	Springer Nature Journals	182.60	241.73
29.	Taylor and Francis Journals	124.86	145.00
30.	Thieme Journals	4.51	4.87
31.	Wiley Journals	187.62	217.90
32.	World Scientific Publishing Journals*	-	9.69
	TOTAL	3609.30	3968.54

* Included under the scheme in 2026.