

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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AWARDING OF DEGREES BY IGNOU  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

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

- (a) the number of students who have received degrees from IGNOU since its inception;
- (b) the number of students who graduated or received a post-graduate degree from IGNOU in 2002-2003;
- (c) whether it is a fact that IGNOU proposes an expansion of its activities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b) As per the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) 3,93,506 students have been awarded Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates since the inception of the University. In the year 2002- 2003, 7785 students graduated and 5015 students received post graduate degrees.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The expansion activities of IGNOU include inter-alia, development of new academic programmes, particularly in socially relevant and emerging disciplines, opening of two new Schools, viz. School of Law and School of Agriculture and expansion of basic computer literacy programme in low literacy areas to accomplish its mandate to reach the unreached.