

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:233
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2003
DISTANT EDUCATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an unprecedented rise in the number of distant education centres attached to various universities and professional institutes in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, university-wise and institute-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is satisfied with the quality of education and training in these education centres; and
- (d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to regulate the centres and their course contents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 233 TO ANSWERED ON 17.12.2003 RAISED BY SHRI MANSUKHBHAI D. VASAVA & SHRI SHIVAJI MANE REGARDING DISTANT EDUCATION CENTRES

(a) to (d): According to the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) there has been considerable increase in the number of Distance Education Centres established in various Universities and Institutions in the country during the last three years. A list of Universities/Institutes, excluding IGNOU and the ten State Open Universities, where such centres have been established during the last three years is given in Annexure.

The Distance Education Council (DEC), a Statutory Body under IGNOU Act has taken a number of initiatives to maintain the quality of education and training through distance mode by these newly established centres which include, inter-alia approval of programmes/courses prior to their commencement, financial and professional support to quality distance education, besides evolving institutional mechanism for maintenance of quality in the system and accreditation of Institutions. A joint letter signed by Chairman, University Grants Commission

(UGC), Chairman, All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) and Chairman, DEC has been issued to all the Vice-Chancellors & Heads of the Institutions of Higher Education across the country on May 13, 2003. In this letter, suggestions have been made for maintaining the Quality of Distance Education and enhancing its standards. The UGC has also issued directive and regulation prohibiting off-campus private franchise by conventional Universities and setting up of off-campus centre(s) and/or the Study Centre(s) by a private University during the first five years of its coming into existence.

ANNEXURE

Universities/Institutions which have established Distance Education Centres during the last three years.

Sl.No. Name of the University/Institute

1. Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
2. NALSAR University Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
3. Periyar University, Salem, Tamilnadu
4. Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Orissa
5. Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
6. Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh
7. Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam
8. Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed University, Gandhigram, Tamilnadu
9. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab
10. Kuvempu University, Shimoga, Karnataka
11. IASE Deemed University, Gandhigra, Sardarshar, Rajasthan
12. Amravati University, Amravati, Maharashtra
13. Baba Farid University of Health Science, Faridkot, Punjab
14. Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi, Jharkhand
15. Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra, Uttar Pradesh

16. Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka
17. Kannada University, Hampi, Karnataka
18. Kannur University, Kannur, Kerala
19. Kumaun Univeristy, Nainital, Uttaranchal
20. Mangalore University, Mangalore, Karnataka
21. Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan
22. Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, AndhraPradesh
23. North Orissa University, Mayurbhanj, Orissa
24. Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
25. Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkatta, WestBengal
26. Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur, Rajasthan
27. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh
28. Sai Chandrashekhara Saraswathi Visva Mahavidyala, Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu
29. Shanmugha Arts Science and Technology Institute, Thanjavur, Tamilnadu
30. Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada Univesity, Nanded, Maharashtra
31. Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala, Punjab
32. Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur, Bihar
33. IIIT & Management Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
34. University of Kalyanai, Kalyani, West Bengal
35. University of Lucknow, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
36. University of Mysore, Mysore, Karnataka
37. VBS Purvanchal Univesity, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh
38. Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, Uttaranchal
39. Jadavpur University, Jadavpur, West Bengal