

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

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce distance education in B.Ed/J.B.T. and other vocational courses without conducting entrance test and also without fixing minimum percentage eligibility criteria;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by when it is likely to be introduced?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), a statutory body entrusted with the responsibility of maintenance of norms and standards in the teacher education system in the country, while the Council is not in favour of the first Diploma/Degree in teacher education through distance mode, it has laid down norms and standards for B.Ed. (Programme) to be offered by Open Universities and, Directorate of Distance Education Institutes in dual mode Universities to in-service teachers serving in recognized schools with a Bachelor's degree and having at least two years' experience.