

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:341

ANSWERED ON:19.04.2005

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

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

- (a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University has started several new vocational courses at grassroot level this year;
- (b) if so, the details of such courses;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to start such vocational courses in other Government run educational institutions also;
- (d) if so, the scheme of the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the names of the institutions in the country where such types of courses have already been started?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 341 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19 APRIL, 2005 ASKED BY SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN AND SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA REGARDING THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

(a) and (b): According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), during the year 2004-05 the University has launched two grassroots level vocational programmes, namely, Certificate in Craft and Design (Pottery) and Computer Literacy Programmes. In addition, several other Vocational Programmes like Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Science (Hospitality and Hotel Management), Post Graduate Diploma in 'Radio Prasaran' and P.G. Certificate in Copyediting and Proofreading were also started during the year.

(c) and (d): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission has, introduced a scheme of 'Career Oriented Programmes' at the Certificate/Diploma/Advanced Diploma level during the Xth Plan. Under the scheme, students enrolled in the conventional Under Graduate level degree programmes have the freedom to diversify into various fields not necessarily related to their core discipline. The objective is to introduce career and market oriented, skill enhancing, add-on courses that have utility for jobs, self-employment and empowerment of students. The UGC provides financial assistance to the Universities/Colleges who can identify their own 'Need Based' career oriented courses.

(e) According to the UGC financial assistance has been provided to 370 colleges/universities during the year 2003- 04 to start Vocational/Career Oriented Courses from the academic year 2004-05. A state-wise break-up of these institutions is annexed.

ANNEXURE

State-wise break-up of colleges/universities which have started vocational/career oriented courses from the year 2004-05

Sl.No. Name of the State Number of Universities/Colleges

1.	Andhra Pradesh	12
2.	Assam	28
3.	Bihar	16
4.	Delhi	5 (including one University)
5.	Goa	3
6.	Gujarat	10

7	Haryana	17	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1	
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	4	
10.	Jharkhand	3	
11.	Karnataka	24	
12.	Kerala	31	
13.	Madhya Pradesh	13	
14.	Maharashtra	63	
15.	Manipur	1	
16.	Orissa	15	
17.	Punjab	29	
18.	Rajasthan	12	
19.	Tamil Nadu	43	(including one Deemed University)
20.	Uttar Pradesh	20	
21.	Uttaranachal	2	
22.	West Bengal	18	

Total 370 (including two universities)