

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1201  
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023

**Correspondence Course In Graduation in Physiotherapy**

1201 **Shri Sunil Kumar Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UGC recognises/approves correspondence course in Graduation in Physiotherapy and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether undergraduate courses through open learning/correspondence course in Physiotherapy conducted by Allahabad Agricultural University, Allahabad, Janardan Rai Nagar University, Udaipur and Sikkim Manipal University, Sikkim or any other Universities or Institute in the country is valid for Government jobs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, whether any instructions/guidelines have been issued for non-recognition of the undergraduate courses in Physiotherapy through open learning/correspondence course; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (e) University Grants Commission (UGC) notified the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Subsequently, amendments have been notified on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2021 and 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022. The same are available on UGC website at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in/>. These regulations lay down the minimum standards of instruction for the grant of degrees at the undergraduate and post graduate levels and grant of post graduate diploma, through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and Online mode. These regulations are applicable to a University referred to under clause (f) of section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), an Institution Deemed to be University

under section 3 of the UGC Act. Further, as stipulated under regulation 2(z) of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, the programmes in the discipline of Physiotherapy is prohibited to be offered in ODL/Online mode.

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