

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IT IN PRIMARY EDUCATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University has developed any special knowledge of information technology in the primary education sector;
- (b) if so, the details of the work undertaken by IGNOU in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have any plan to familiarise the persons engaged in the primary education sector on the importance and relevance of the information technology; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d): According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the Distance Education Programme (DEP) under the aegis of the University and also an integral part of the District Primary Education Program (DPEP) has been created to supplement the efforts of the DPEP in States by providing multi-media support for capacity building of the functionaries in the area of primary education. The process includes development learning materials in Distance Education for wider dissemination and the inputs are being given to 15 States. Teleconferencing programmes have also been conducted under Distance Education Programme for training of teachers, Anchor Persons and Resource Persons. Recently, an international workshop on "the use of Information & Communication Technology for Professional Development of Primary Education Personnel" was also held in IGNOU.