

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

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DISCONTINUATION OF YEAR BIT COURSE
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

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

- (a) whether the UGC had directed the Indraprastha University to discontinue 4 year Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) course just days before the university's entrance examination on June 10, 2001, leaving hundreds of applicants in the lurch;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of candidates suffered as a result thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to mitigate the hardship and damage of the applicants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): Based on the general principle that 4 Year Technology courses are not in its domain, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided that BIT courses, which are of 4 Years duration, would not come under the purview of Section 22 of the UGC Act. Universities would instead offer 3 Year B.Sc. degrees. However, students already enrolled in the 4 Year course upto the last Academic Session 2000-2001 would be protected.