

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

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SETTING UP OF OPEN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of open Universities set up in the country so far;
- (b) whether the Government have a proposal to promote the establishment of Open Universities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Orissa; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d): There are at present nine State Open Universities and one National Open University, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) in the country. In accordance with the National Policy on Education, 1986 and the Programme of Action formulated thereafter in 1992, the IGNOU provides technical and consultancy support to the State Governments for establishment of an Open University in the State. According to the information furnished by IGNOU, the State Governments of Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Haryana have evinced interest in setting up of an Open University in their States. IGNOU has already prepared and submitted a technical report for setting up of an Open University in Orissa. The follow up action by the State Government is awaited.