

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:94
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of opening of the National Institute of Open Schooling is to impart education to the poor and those who are otherwise deprived of education;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the irregularities taking place therein due to nexus between the employees of the private coaching institutes of the country and the open schools;
- (c) if so, whether steps have been taken by the Government to check the said irregularities so that the needy children could get education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.94 ASKED BY DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY AND SHRIMATI KARUNA SHUKLA REGARDING 'NATIONAL INSTITUTION OF OPEN SCHOOLING'.

(a) : Yes, Sir. The objective of the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is to provide opportunities for continuing and developmental education at the school stage. NIOS provides opportunities for continuing education to interested learners through Open Basic Education, Secondary and Senior Secondary Education, Vocational Education and Life Enrichment Programmes.

(b): It has been reported by the NIOS that accreditation in respect of 60 study centers has been revoked during 2003-04 for various irregularities including mass copying in examinations.

(c) and (d): NIOS has been advising students through their prospectus to seek admission only through authorized accredited institutions/study centers. In order to check incidents of mass copying and other unfair means, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya

Vidyalayas and Government Schools are declared as centers of examinations in place of Accredited Institutes/Study Centres since 2003-04.