

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

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TELE EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up an Independent Authority to control and monitor all forms of open education to improve quality of school education as reported in The Hindu dated 20th November, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the time by which the independent authority is likely to be set up;
- (e) whether Government has a proposal to promote tele education in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; (g) whether the Distance Education Council is also proposed to be given autonomy; and (h) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) No Sir. There is no formal proposal to set up an Independent Authority to control and monitor all forms of open education to improve quality of school education.

(e) & (f) According to the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Educational Satellite launched in collaboration with ISRO on 21.9.2004 will be utilized for providing primary, secondary, tertiary, teacher and technical education. IGNOU is already using satellite supported video interactive system, FM Radio, extended C-band facilities to promote tele-education under Gyan Vani and Gyan Darshan. Onlie education is also being provided and 131 interactive satellite terminals are in place through which two-way communication between the teacher and the taught takes place.

(g) & (h) The Government has not yet taken a decision in this