

**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) whether there is any proposal to establish some new open Universities in the country during the 10th Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, details thereof, State-wise and location-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), proposals for establishment of two Open Universities each in Orissa and Assam are at advance stage of processing. State Governments of Chhattisgarh, Kerala and Uttaranchal have also shown keen interest. Locations are yet to be identified.

(c) The Chairman, Distance Education Council (DEC) has been interacting with the State Government functionaries. Necessary professional inputs and guidance have also been provided in this regard by the DEC.