

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1838
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M.C.A. COURSE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The stipulated period for completion of MCA course in IGNOU ;
- (b) Whether in special circumstances of cases of students, competent authority is empowered to further extend period for completion of course by allowing them to re-appear in those unqualified papers ;
- (c) If so, the details thereof ;
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor ;
- (e) Whether there are students who have qualified all papers except one or two papers uncleared by one mark short in aggregate ;
- (f) If so, whether the Government proposes to allow such students to re- appear/awarding grace mark in related papers ;
- (g) If so, the details thereof ;
- (h) If not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) : As per the information furnished by IGNOU, the stipulated minimum period of its MCA Course is three years. However, the maximum duration of the MCA Course with pre-revised syllabus is seven years, whereas, the revised MCA Course, which was launched in January 2005, has a maximum duration of six years.
- (b) to (d) : In case of both the courses, the maximum duration is further extendable by another two years on payment of pro-rata fee for those courses, which were not successfully completed during the prescribed duration.
- (e) to (h) : The rules of the University provides for grace marks to the extent of 2% in term-end examination to those students, who failed to score requisite 40% marks in individual courses, subject to the condition that they have overall scored 50% marks in aggregate, which is a requirement to successfully complete the MCA Course.