

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

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ON LINE COURSES BY DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL

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

(a) whether the Distance Education Council has allowed all premier institutes including IITs and IIMs to offer on-line courses as reported in the Times of India dated March 28, 2007:

(b) if so, the details of the courses likely to be offered alongwith the objectives behind this move ;

(c) the criteria adopted /likely to be adopted for the fee structure for the on-line courses; and

(d) the time by which it is proposed to be started?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Distance Education Council in its meeting held on 23.03.2007 decided to allow all universities and institutions to offer distance learning programmes outside their territorial jurisdiction subject to the fulfillment of maintaining the prescribed quality in terms of infrastructure and technology, with a view to widen the access of learners to higher education. So far as the premier institutions like IITs and IIMs are concerned they are yet to approach the Distance Education Council for recognition of their programmes under distance education mode.