

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

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN IGNOU AND UNESCO TO BOOST QUALITY EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) have signed any agreement to boost quality education and training in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the agreement; and
- (c) the time by which the said agreement is likely to be implemented and the extent to which students in the country will be benefited as a result thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): As per the information provided by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), an Agreement of Co-operation (AOC) has been signed between IGNOU and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) on 11-01-2010 with the objective to promote an integrated system of research, training, demonstration, knowledge, management and documentation activities in the field of Journalism & Media Studies, Science Education, Teacher Training and ICT-enhanced distance learning including providing scientific-technological and social-cultural support to pilot projects. The agreement has come into effect from the date of its signing i.e. 11.1.2010. The activities under this agreement are expected to benefit students & the academic community.