

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF EDUSAT IN EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to make optimum utilisation of EDUSAT in quality improvement of education; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In order to make optimum utilisation of EDUSAT in improvement of education, with the help of Indian Space Research Organisation [ISRO], national level organizations / institutions like Indira Gandhi National Open University [IGNOU, University Grants Commission [UGC], National Council for Education Research & Training [NCERT], and other institutions including those of States/UTs have been using the EDUSAT. So far as efforts for improvement of education through EDUSAT is concerned, in IGNOU alone the EDUSAT channel has been used extensively for relaying live and recorded tele-conferencing sessions for the benefit of its students, distance learners of National Board of Examination [NBE] etc. and during the period from January, 2006 to January, 2010, IGNOU's utilization of EDUSAT network has been for 5113 hours.