

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NEW PROGRAMMES FOR SC/ST/OBC STUDENTS

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

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is launching new programmes for the benefit of the SC/ST/OBC and minority communities students in the country especially the State of Andhra Pradesh:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the funds allocated in this regard and spent so far, State-wise during the Eleventh Plan;and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the University's programmes on offer, including new programmes, are available to everybody, irrespective of the caste/creed/class/sex, etc. There is also no specific provision for the state of Andhra Pradesh. However, special provisions exists for reservations in seats for the persons belonging to the SC/ST/OBC/PH categories as per the Government of India policies in respect of the programmes where there is a restriction on the number of seats.