

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

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STANDARD OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated any scheme to improve the standard of distance education in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Distance Education Council (DEC) is declared as an authority of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) under Statute 28 as provided under Section 16 of the IGNOU Act, which is responsible for the promotion and the coordination of the open university and distance education system, and for the determination of its standards. However, DEC takes necessary steps for improving the standards in distance education from time to time.