

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

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SEPARATE COUNCIL FOR DISTANCE TEACHING AND LEARNING

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

- (a) the share of distance education in the higher education sector in the country at present;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating to set up a separate statutory council for distance teaching and learning;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the objectives and functions envisaged; and
- (e) the reasons for the creation of the proposed council?

Answer

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

- (a) As per the information received from Indira Gandhi National Open University and the University Grants Commission for the year 2009-10, the share of distance education in the higher education sector comes to about 26% of the gross enrolment.
- (b) to (e) The Government is not contemplating to set up a separate statutory council for distance teaching and learning.