

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

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ONLINE INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE ENGINEERING EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Science (IIS) have started online initiative to enhance engineering education in the country;
- (b) if so, the main features of this initiative;
- (c) whether such initiative will run as a University on par with other Universities;
- (d) if so, whether the Government recognizes this initiative for issuing degrees and diplomas to the students, and
- (e) the time by which the online University is likely to be operationalised?

Answer

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

- (a): National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) is an online initiative undertaken by Indian Institutes of Technology and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore Under this Programme, course contents for engineering and science disciplines are developed for free online access.
- (b): Under NPTEL, courses as of now are to be in four quadrant approach, which makes the understanding of contents comprehensive and more user friendly.
- (c) to (e): Do not arise since there is no online university as on date.