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CERTIFICATE COURSE IN ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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

- (a) Whether the Government has launched a Certificate Course in Anti-Human Trafficking in partnership with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU);
- (b) if so, the salient features of the Certificate Course;
- (c) whether before finalization of a Certificate Programme, the Government has made consultations with various experts and stakeholders; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) As per the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the University has launched a Certificate Course in Anti-Human Trafficking in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs.
- (b) The Certificate Course is offered in Open & Distance Learning Mode. The duration of the course is 6 months, however, it can be completed in maximum period of 2 years. The Course is launched with the following main objectives:
 - i. To create awareness and provide comprehensive understanding to the learners in Anti-Human Trafficking.
 - ii. To develop functional understanding and coordination amongst learners about various stake holders/agencies associated with the process of Human Trafficking directly or indirectly.
 - iii. To build awareness in the area of law, policies, rehabilitation and prevention aspects of Human Trafficking.
 - iv. To make well-informed professionals working in government, civil society organisations and corporate sectors, understand the evils associated with Human Trafficking and the ways for prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration.
- (c) and (d) According to IGNOU, two expert committee meetings were conducted by school of law of the University before finalisation of the Certificate Course. A consultation meeting was also conducted by IGNOU with the Home Ministry. Finally, the certificate course was approved by the School Board and the Academic Council of the University.