

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

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NON ACCEPTANCE OF DEGREE OF OPEN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some State Governments have not recognized the degrees awarded by Open Universities recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in their States;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported to the Union Government during the last two years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps keeping in view the future of lakhs of students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): According to the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have not recognized some of the degrees of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). The matters are presently sub-judice.

(c) & (d): According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has specified the nomenclature of degrees under Section 22(3) of the UGC Act, 1956 to ensure mandatory requirements viz. minimum essential academic inputs required for awarding such degrees. The details are also given in UGC website www.ugc.ac.in. UGC has also issued an advisory to all Universities to treat the Degrees/Diploma/Certificates awarded by the Open Universities as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the traditional Universities in the country, if they are in conformity with the UGC notification on Specification of Degrees.