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

- (a) the details of Central and State Universities offering education through distance education mode-State and UT-wise;
- (b) whether the quality of education offered through distance education mode is poor compared to regular attendance mode of education as is being offered in colleges and universities; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has proposed to do to improve the quality of education offered through correspondence course?

Answer

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

(a) The details of Central and State Universities offering education through Distance Education Mode-State and UT- wise, is given at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Quality of education is an issue, in both Conventional and Distance Education System. Distance Education Council (DEC) is responsible for promotion of Open and Distance Education System, its coordinated development and determination of its standards in the country. DEC takes necessary steps for maintaining quality in Distance Education System from time to time, inter alia, by way of laying down norms and standards, sharing resources and giving grant. ICT interventions envisage quality enhancement in the Distance Education System.

Further, while curriculum-based supplementary e-content in video and web modes has been in Science and Engineering disciplines under the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL), development of curriculum based video and web courses in Engineering, Science and Humanities for graduate and post-graduate students have been envisaged under National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT).