

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

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DISTANCE EDUCATION CENTRES OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of deemed universities functioning in the country alongwith the number of students studying therein, Statewise;
- (b) the details of Distance Education Centres run by the Central Universities;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to regulate the quality of courses offered by the Distance Education Centres of the Universities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : At present, there are 129 Deemed to be Universities in the country. As per the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), state wise details of number of students studying in these Deemed Universities for the year 2010-11 is given at Annexure-I.
- (b) : As per information furnished by Central Universities, at present 13 Central Universities are running the Distance Education Centers. Details are given at Annexure-II. However, the Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) has its Regional Centres at Delhi, Bangalore, Patna, Bhopal, Darbhanga, Srinagar, Mumbai, Kolkata and Ranchi and Sub-Regional Centre at Jammu, Lucknow, Amravati, Hyderabad, Sambhal and Nuh (Mewat), for coordinating the distance education programmes, conducted by MANUU.
- (c) & (d) : Academic programmes of the Universities conducted in the distance mode are regulated by the Distance Education Council (DEC), an autonomous body set up under Statute 28 of Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985. There is no move to directly regulate the quality of courses offered in distance mode, by the Government. However, University Grants Commission (UGC) and DEC are regulating the quality of such courses and programmes on a continuous basis.