

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3123  
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DISTANCE EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any body has been set up for assessment of working of distance education centers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and Distance Education Council (DEC) have any role therein;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government had conducted any study regarding impact of distance education;
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the contribution of distance education to the development of knowledge-based human resources; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Union Government to make distance education more effective?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b): Though the Distance Education Council has operationalised the Scheme of Assessment & Accreditation of ODL Institutions in the country, it has not set up any separate body specially for assessment of working of distance education centres.
- (c) and (d): As per provisions under Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Act, Distance Education Council (DEC) is responsible for coordination in distance education systems. As of now, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has no apparent role in assessment of Distance Education programmes.
- (e): No, Sir.
- (f): Does not arise.
- (g): Union Government has started a new scheme namely National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for making distance education more effective using ICT tools.