

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

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has decided to discontinue the convergence and community college scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is a sharp fall in the student applications for IGNOU courses this year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of applications received in the last two years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a): As per the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the university has not decided to discontinue its Convergence and Community College schemes but to review them with reference to the concern for quality assurance, viability of enrolment and modes of delivery in the context of the mandate as contained in IGNOU Act 1985.
- (b): Does not arise in view of reply at (a) above.
- (c) & (d): IGNOU has informed that the number of students enrolled in the last two years, i.e. 2011 and 2010 is 847601 and 687102, respectively. 288049 students were enrolled in the January 2012 cycle.