

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISTANCE COURSES IN PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has permitted the Punjab Technical University, Sikkim Manipal University and other private universities to conduct distance training courses;
- (b) if so, the names of the courses allowed to be conducted by the said private universities;
- (c) whether the said universities are conducting even those courses for which they have no permission; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Distance Education Council (DEC) has reported that it has accorded regular institutional recognition for offering programmes through Distance mode to Punjab Technical University (PTU) (a State Government University) and Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) (a State Private University). In case of technical or professional programmes offered by the university, approval from the appropriate statutory regulatory bodies is required to be obtained, for which the responsibility vests with the university concerned.
- (b) : The consolidated list of Private Universities and their programmes offered through distance mode, recognized by the DEC is at its website www.dec.ac.in.
- (c) & (d): Since 2009 onwards, the DEC made it mandatory for all Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institutions to seek approval for each programme, if a university / institution proposes to offer programmes through Distance Mode. Further, as per Government of India Gazette Notification No.44 dated 01.03.1995, ODL Institutions are to offer only those programmes which are recognized by DEC.