

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:504  
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MOU BETWEEN IGNOU AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) with several private institutions/firms to offer degrees and diplomas of IGNOU;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether IGNOU has approved study centres for conducting various Vertically Integrated Engineering Programmes (VIEP) under the said MoUs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the authenticity of these degrees and the extent to which the students are likely to be benefited by these programmes of IGNOU?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) As per the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the University has signed 220 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with several private institutions/firms to offer Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates.

(c) & (d) As per the information furnished by IGNOU, the State-wise approved study centres conducting various Vertically Integrated Engineering Programmes (VIEP) are as under:

Andhra Pradesh (13), Bihar (1), Chandigarh (1), Chhattisgarh (2), Delhi (2), Gujarat (5), Haryana (4), Himachal Pradesh (3), Jharkhand (6), Karnataka (2), Kerala (3), Madhya Pradesh (1), Maharashtra (7), Orissa (1), Pondicherry (1), Punjab (2), Rajasthan (8), Uttar Pradesh (6), Uttarakhand (1), Tamil Nadu (20).

(e) As per the information furnished by IGNOU, the University's Diplomas and Degrees awarded under various collaborative arrangements are valid. The students will be benefited accordingly.