## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM LOK SABHA

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MOU WITH IGNOU IN HOSPITALITY EDUCATION
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## Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT) has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for degree programme in hospitality education;
- (b) if so, the details along with terms and conditions thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which the students and the council are likely to be benefited by its implementation?

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

(a) to (c): An MoU between National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT) and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been signed on 11-12-2012 renewing award of 3-year B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel Administration and 2 year M.Sc. in Hospitality Administration in joint collaboration for another period of 5 years for students studying in NCHMCT affiliated Institutes of Hotel Management (IHMs).

As per the terms and conditions of the said MoU for award of Degrees in joint Collaboration, there will be a Joint Co-ordination Committee (JCC) constituted of representatives from IGNOU and NCHMCT. The terms of reference of this committee would be to plan, monitor and oversee the entire activities of the programme in accordance with statutory framework of IGNOU and NCHMCT.

The student community has been benefited by getting degree in Hospitality Administration by pursuing 3-year programme after 10+2. By virtue of degree they can pursue for Post Graduate Degree Programme. NCHMCT has been upgraded by implementation of this MOU, as Council is now able to provide Degree & M.Sc. in Hospitality Administration instead of Diploma programme.