

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ONLINE PAEDIATRIC NUTRITION COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) launches online paediatric nutrition courses; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response received in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) As per the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the University has launched an online Post-Graduate Certificate/Diploma programme in Paediatric Nutrition (PGCPDN/PGDPDN) w.e.f. July 2012 Session. The PGCPDN/PGDPDN has been designed on a modular approach with a view to develop a knowledge base, upgrade the knowledge & skills and improve the professional competency of healthcare practitioners, nutritionists and other stakeholders concerned with the health and well being of children. The programme caters to the need of the individuals looking for expertise in paediatric nutrition, viz. healthcare practitioners, dietitians, diet counselors, health administrators and paramedical personnel. The Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Paediatric Nutrition (PGCPDN) is a six months programme while the Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Paediatric Nutrition (PGDPDN) is of one year duration. The University has enrolled a total of 88 & 104 students for the July 2012 & July 2013 session respectively.