

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NEW POLICY ON DISTANCE EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new policy on distance learning in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the role of Distance Education Council (DEC) under the new policy;
- (d) the existing mechanism to monitor and to evaluate education being imparted through distance mode by several institutions; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to have an effective mechanism in place to have control over the institutions imparting distance education?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The draft policy on Distance Education has been uploaded on the website of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education for seeking views/comments of the stakeholders, including general public. The Distance Education Council (DEC), in the draft policy has been assigned the role of determining the standard of delivery of courses/programmes through distance mode and the concerned Statutory regulatory bodies have been assigned the role to ensure quality of courses/programmes in their respective disciplines.