

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

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DISTANCE EDUCATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deemed-to-be universities functioning in the country along with the number of students studying therein, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the Distance Education Centres run by the Central Universities;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to regulate the quality of courses offered by these Centres; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The State-wise list of the number of deemed universities functioning in the country along with the number of students studying therein is at Annexure-I.
- (b): As on date, there are 16 (sixteen) Central Universities in India running programmes in open and distance learning mode, the details of which are available at the University Grants Commission (UGC) website www.ugc.ac.in/deb/.
- (c) & (d): In August 2010, the Government constituted a committee under the Chairpersonship of Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon to examine the various aspects of distance education. The Ministry has, in principle, accepted the broad recommendations of the Committee and directed the UGC to develop appropriate regulations for maintaining standards in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programmes/courses for the growth and development of the ODL education system in the country with proper quality assurance in the light of the recommendations of the Madhava Menon Committee Report.