

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1608
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DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up `The Distance Education Council of India` on the lines of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) to provide distance education in the States and various universities of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives/functions of the council; and
- (c) the details of further steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has constituted a Working Group on 20.11.2014 to look into the various aspects of the Open & Distance Learning (ODL) education in higher education sector in the country in terms of overall co-ordination and determination of standards in the programmes of study through distance mode vis-a-vis suggestions on the draft Distance Education Council of India (DECI) Bill uploaded on the Ministry's website (www.mhrd.gov.in).

(c): In view of the reply given at (a) & (b) above, the question does not arise.