

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

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FREE EDUCATION TO BPL SC ST MINORITY COMMUNITIES

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has any proposal to offer free education to the youths belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL)/SC/ST/ Minority Communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the programme; and

(c) the funds allocated by IGNOU for this purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has informed that there is no proposal with them to offer free education to the youth belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL)/SC/ST category and Minority Communities in the country.

(b) & (c): In view of (a) above, questions do not arise.