

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

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

- (a) whether private universities have sought approval for providing distance education and the number of universities in the country to which approval has been given in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) whether foreign universities can provide distance education in India and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), 28 Private Universities have been given recognition for providing education through distance mode. The State-wise details along with the year of recognition of these private universities is attached as Annexure.

(c): As per the information furnished by UGC, at present no regulatory mechanism is in place to regulate distance education by foreign universities in India.