

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to start educational television channels in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria laid down for selection of universities for this purpose;
- (d) the number of students likely to be benefited and duration of these channels; and
- (e) the time by which these channels are likely to be made functional?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) Yes, Madam. This Ministry is implementing the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) to leverage the potential of ICT, in teaching and learning process for the benefit of all the learners in Higher Education Institutions in any time any where mode. A number of e-courses in various disciplines have been prepared under the Mission and are available at url [www.nmeict.ac.in](http://www.nmeict.ac.in). NMEICT scheme visualized the utilization of Direct to Home (DTH) platform for beaming various educational lectures. The students from all universities, colleges and other learners are to be benefited from the above said DTH programme. The Department of Space (DoS) has allocated two transponders on GSAT-8 to the Ministry for this purpose.