

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) had launched a host of programmes in the rural areas during the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the benefit of SQ, ST, OBC and other minority community students;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the details of the benefits accrued to the above category students during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMMTIZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): As per the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), during the 11th Five Year Plan, the University has established Special Study Centres in different parts of the country to cater to educational needs of specific segments of disadvantaged communities. The university has established 541 Special Study Centres in the whole country benefiting therewith 44,374 persons belonging to the disadvantaged communities who have enrolled in various academic programmes offered by IGNOU.