

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

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

- (a) whether the degrees in various subjects such as MBA, BCA, MCA etc. obtained through distance education in Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) are valid for securing jobs in various Ministries of the Union Government; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) vide its Notification No. 44 dated 1st March, 1995 has already clarified that the qualifications awarded through distance education by the Universities established by an Act of Parliament or State legislature, Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 and Institutions of National Importance declared under an Act of Parliament stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to posts and services under the Central Government provided it has been approved by Distance Education Council (DEC-erstwhile) and wherever necessary by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Further, upon the dissolution of erstwhile DEC w.e.f. 1st May, 2013, the regulatory powers have been entrusted to UGC for Open & Distance education in higher education system in the country. The Notification No. 44 has accordingly been modified stating that the qualifications awarded through distance education by the above mentioned Universities/Institutions stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to posts and services under the Central Government provided they have been approved by the UGC.
