

**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 proposes to set up uplinking facilities for launching satellite television channels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of educational television channels in operation in the country;
- (d) whether Telephone Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has raised objection on launching of these channels and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. Presently there is no such proposal in the Ministry.
- (c): Four educational television channels have been running under the aegis of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), a Central University of this Ministry.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): In view of (d) above, question does not arise.