

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4359  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2016

**IGNOU-FDDI tie-up**

**4359. SHRI C.R. PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has tied up with the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) for its courses for the academic year 2015-16, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is within the mandate of IGNOU Act, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the tie up has been approved/cleared by the Board of Management of IGNOU;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) to (e): As per the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) that based on the approval of the 124<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management (BoM) of the University held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2016, the first batch of the students in six (06) undergraduate and postgraduate courses under IGNOU-FDDI Project were enrolled in January, 2016 session of the University through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode as envisaged under the IGNOU Act, 1985.

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