

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 445
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

Distance Education by Deemed Universities

**445. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
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SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
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SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:**

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

- (a) whether the Supreme Court has raised certain objections with regard to award of degree by deemed universities through distance education mode;
- (b) if so, the details of the efforts made by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the policy of award of degree through distance education;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the universities offering degree through distance education mode in the country, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a): Yes, Madam. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order dated 03.11.2017 in Civil Appeal Nos. 17869-17870/2017 has suspended the engineering degrees awarded through distance mode between 2001-2005 without the permission of the AICTE by four Deemed to be Universities namely: (1) Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE) Sardarshahr, Rajasthan; (2) Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (JRNRV), Udaipur, Rajasthan; (3) Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (NMRF), Salem, Tamil Nadu; and (4) Allahabad Agricultural Institute (AAI), Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh (now known as Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology & Sciences). The Court has further cancelled the degrees of the students admitted by concerned Deemed to be Universities after the Academic Sessions 2001-2005 in Engineering through distance education mode. The Court has also ordered that:

- i. The UGC to consider whether the Deemed to be University status enjoyed by the concerned institutions, namely, JRN, AAI, IASE and VMRF calls for any withdrawal of the status and conduct an inquiry in this behalf.
- ii. AICTE to devise the modalities to conduct an appropriate test / tests for those students who were admitted in these Institutions during the Academic Sessions 2001-2005. The options may be given to the concerned students either for appearing in the test or for not appearing in the test.
- iii. Those students, who do not wish to exercise the option, shall be refunded entire money deposited by them towards tuition fee and other charges by the Institutions and their degrees shall stand cancelled.
- iv. No Deemed to be Universities to carry on any courses in distance education mode from the Academic Session 2018- 2019 onwards unless and until it is permissible to conduct such courses in distance education mode and specific permissions are granted by the concerned statutory/regulatory authorities in respect of each of those courses and unless the off-campus Centres/Study Centres are individually inspected and found adequate by the concerned Statutory Authorities. The approvals have to be course specific.
- v. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to carry out thorough investigation into the conduct of the concerned officials who dealt with the matters and went about the granting permissions against the policy statement.

(b) to (d): Pursuant to the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, this Ministry has constituted a Committee to examine the issues in the distance education offered by Higher Educational Institutions especially pertaining to technical education and its allied fields, and also to suggest a road map for strengthening and setting up of oversight and regulatory mechanism on the institutions offering distance education. The Committee has also been asked to suggest oversight mechanism to regulate the Deemed to be Universities. Apart from this, CBI has been requested to carry out thorough investigation against the concerned Institutions / officials so that appropriate action may be taken against the Institutions / Officials concerned.

(e): The details of the Universities / Institutions Deemed to be Universities offering distance education programmes, as recognised by UGC, are placed at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 445 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017 REGARDING DISTANCE EDUCATION BY DEEMED UNIVERSITIES:

Details of the Institutions recognized by UGC for offering Distance Education Programmes

Name of State	S.No.	Name of Institution	Status of	Period of Recognition
ANDHRA PRADESH	1.	Andhra University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM)	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Acharya Nagarjuna University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	Sri Padmavati Mahila Vishwavidyalayam	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	6.	Rayalaseema University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	7.	Sri Venkateswara University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1.	Rajiv Gandhi University	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
ASSAM	1.	Tezpur University	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Assam Down Town University	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Dibrugarh University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Assam Don Bosco University	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	Gauhati University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	6.	Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
BIHAR	1.	Magadh University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Lalit Narayan Mithila University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Nalanda Open University	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
CHHATTISGARH	1.	Pt. Sundarlal Sharma Open University	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	MATS University, Raipur	Private	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Dr C.V. Raman University, Kota	State Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
DELHI	1.	Institute of Rail Transport *	Private Institute	2016-17
	2.	Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	National Institute of Health and Family Welfare *	Govt. Institute	2016-17
	4.	University of Delhi	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	All India Management Association *	Private Institute	2016-17
	6.	Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	7.	TECNIA Institute of	Private	2016-17

		Advanced Studies *	Institute	
	8.	TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi	Deemed to be University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	9.	Jamia Hamdard University, New	Deemed to be University	2016-17
GUJARAT	1.	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
HARYANA	1.	Kurukshetra University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Maharshi Dayanand University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Guru Jambheshwar University of	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Choudhry Devi Lal University,	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
JAMMU &	1.	University of Kashmir	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	University of Jammu	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
KARNATAKA	1.	IFIM Business School *	Private Institute	2016-17
	2.	Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	National Law School of India University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Kuvempu University, Karnataka	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	Bangalore University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	6.	Mangalore University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
KERALA	1.	Kannur University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	University of Calicut	State University	2017-18 to 2018-19
	3.	University of Kerala	State University	2017-18 to 2018-19
MAHARASHTRA	1.	Indian Institute of Materials Management *	Private Institute	2016-17
	2.	Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University,	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	University of Mumbai	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Welingkar Institute of Management, Research & Development *	Private Institute	2016-17
	5.	Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	6.	Management Studies (NMIMS)	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	7.	Tata Institute of Social Sciences	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	8.	Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning *	Private Institute	2016-17
	9.	Bharati Vidyapeeth	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	10.	MIT School of Distance Education *	Private Institute	2016-17
	11.	Shivaji University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	12.	Dr.D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	13.	Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18

	14.	Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey (SNDT) Women's	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	15.	International Institution for Population Sciences (IIPS)	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
MADHYA PRADESH	1.	Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Jiwaji University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	Dr. Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	6.	Barkatullah University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	7.	Awadhesh Pratap Singh University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	8.	Maharshi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwavidyalaya	Private University	2017-18
ODHISHA	1.	Asian School of Business Management *	Private Institution	2016-17
	2.	Utkal University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Odisha State Open University, Odisha		2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Fakir Mohan University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	North Orissa University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
PUDUCHERRY	1.	Pondicherry University	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
PUNJAB	1.	Lovely Professional University	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Punjab University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Punjabi University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	I.K. Gujaral Punjab Technical University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology	Deemed University	2016-17
RAJASTHAN	1.	Vardhman Mahaveer Open University	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Suresh Gyan Vihar University	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Jagannath University	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Jaipur National University	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	Jayoti Vidyapeeth Women's University	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	6.	Jain vishva Bharti Institute, Rajasthan	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
SIKKIM	1.	Sikkim Manipal University	Private University	2016-17
TAMIL NADU	1.	Tamil Nadu Open University	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Tamil University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha	Govt. Institution	2016-17
	4.	Sastra University	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
TELANGANA	1.	National Institute of Rural	Govt.	2016-17

		Development (NIRD) *	Institution	
	2.	The English and Foreign Languages University	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	University of Hyderabad	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	6.	National Academy of Legal Studies & Research University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	7.	Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	8.	Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Open	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	9.	Osmania University, Hyderabad	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	10.	Kakatiya University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
TRIPURA	1.	Tripura University	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	ICFAI Tripura	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
UTTAR PRADESH	1.	U.P Rajarshi Tandon Open University	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Swami Vivekanand Subharti University	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Aligarh Muslim University	Central University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Integral University	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	Dayal Bagh Educational Institute	Deemed University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	6.	IMT Distance and Open Learning, Ghaziabad *	Private Institution	2016-17
UTTRAKHAND	1.	University of Petroleum & Energy Studies	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Uttarakhand Open University	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Dev Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya,	Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Institution of Chartered Financial Analysts of India (ICFAI)	State Private University	2016-17 to 2017-18
WEST BENGAL	1.	University of Kalyani	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	2.	Netaji Subhas Open University	State Open University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	3.	Vidyasagar University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	4.	Rabindra Bharati University	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	5.	University of Burdwan	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
	6.	University North Benagal	State University	2016-17 to 2017-18
