

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2728
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th MARCH, 2018

Study Centres of IGNOU

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

(a) the criteria for setting up of study centres of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) in remote areas of the country including Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total number of such study centres set up during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the number of study centres and regional centres functioning across the country including Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Rajasthan along with the number of students enrolled therein; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide e-learning, virtual classes mobile app, e-library and e-study facilities for all courses so as to make learning from IGNOU easy and effective for the students?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b): The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has 471 Special Study Centres (SSCs) in its 56 Regional Centres (RCs) across the country, which cover population mainly from rural, remote, SC/ST, women, minority and other disadvantaged groups. The major criteria for selection of the SSCs by the university is based on the availability of the suitable educational institutions including NGOs dedicated to the cause of given disadvantaged groups and availability of academic expertise for engagement as academic counselors. The proposal for

establishment of the SSC is submitted by the prospective SSC at the concerned Regional Centre of the State. After scrutiny of the proposal and site visit, the proposal, if found in order, is forwarded to the IGNOU Headquarters by the RC concerned for further processing at the end of the university authorities.

The total number of such study centres setup during last three years i.e. 2014-15 to 2016-17 and the current year 2017-18 is 101. The details of these SSCs in the States including Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh is given in Annexure-I.

(c): The State-wise details of the number of study centres and regional centres functioning across the country including Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Rajasthan along with the number of students enrolled therein is given at Annexure-II.

(d): As per the information furnished by IGNOU, the university is providing the digital form of study material to its students through *e-Gyankosh*. The university also uses electronic media by way of e- network, through radio broadcasting, internet radio through *Gyan Vani* radio channels, tele casting through *Gyan Darshan* channels and two way interactive web conferencing and web casting.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO PART 'A' & 'B' OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2728 FOR ANSWER ON 12.03.2018 REGARDING STUDY CENTRES OF IGNOU

State-wise list of IGNOU's Special Study Centres in rural/remote areas						
S.No.	Name of the State/UT	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017- till February 2018	TOTAL (2014 till February, 2018)
1	Andaman Nikobar					0
2	Andhra Pradesh	1				1
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0				0
4	Assam	0				0
5	Bihar	2	1	1		4
6	Chandigarh		1	1		2
7	Chhatisgarh		1		1	2
8	Delhi	1	3			4
9	Goa		1			1
10	Gujarat	3	2			5
11	Haryana	5	4		1	10
12	Himachal Pradesh	1	1			2
13	Jammu & Kashmir	4			1	5
14	Jharkhand	1			1	2
15	Karnataka	1			2	3
16	Kerala	1	2		2	5
17	Madhya Pradesh	2			1	3
18	Maharashtra		3	1	1	5
19	Manipur	0				0
20	Meghalaya	0				0
21	Mizoram	0		1		1
22	Nagaland	0				0
23	Odisha	1		1	1	3
24	Punjab	1	3			4
25	Rajasthan	2	6	1	4	13
26	Sikkim	0			1	1
27	Tamilnadu	1				1
28	Tenangana					0
29	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0
30	Uttar Pradesh	8	3	7	5	23
31	Uttarakhand					0
32	West Bengal				1	1
	Sub Total	35	31	13	22	101

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO PART 'C' OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2728 FOR ANSWER ON 12.03.2018 REGARDING STUDY CENTRES OF IGNOU

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of Regional Centres	Total Learner Support Centres (as on Feb 2018)	Total Enrollment: July 2017/ January 2018 Cycle
1	Andaman Nicobar	1	11	3836
2	Andhra Pradesh	2	80	7749
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1	63	9628
4	Assam	2	170	18695
5	Bihar	4	120	72196
6	Chandigarh	1	34	11702
7	Chhattisgarh	1	167	3952
8	Delhi	3	173	223488
9	Goa	1	14	5670
10	Gujarat	2	76	14160
11	Haryana	1	41	33707
12	Himachal Pradesh	1	54	29448
13	Jammu & Kashmir	2	112	82957
14	Jharkhand	2	95	68690
15	Karnataka	2	107	18289
16	Kerala	3	119	42641
17	Madhya pradeh	2	149	13927
18	Maharashtra	3	126	24643
19	Manipur	1	81	6690
20	Meghalaya	1	67	8470
21	Mizoram	1	43	5209
22	Nagaland	1	30	3357
23	Odisha	2	122	43061
24	Punjab	1	50	10630
25	Rajasthan	2	99	23785
26	Sikkim	1	17	4456
27	Tamilnadu	2	210	8192
28	Telangana	1	47	7871
29	Tripura	1	44	8889
30	Uttar Pradesh	4	280	65469
31	Uttarakhand	1	56	10376
32	West Bengal	3	137	64537
	Total	56	2994	956370