

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4838  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

**Courses on Remote Sensing and GIS Mapping**

**4838. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a course to be undertaken by the renowned institutions under the Ministry to study state-of-art of remote sensing and GIS mapping to address the challenges rising in rapidly changing urban environment of Indian cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Higher Educational Institutions like Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) etc. have academic autonomy to frame and transact their curriculum/course in various programmes including remote sensing and GIS mapping. Further, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has constituted an Expert Committee to examine as to how geospatial education could be integrated in the existing University system and its implication in other areas like engineering, IT etc. and to highlight its benefits in areas like developing smart cities, urban planning etc.

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