

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1527
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019

Promotion of IGNOU Courses

1527. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the courses conducted by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the other Universities and council recognize the degree, post graduate diploma granted by IGNOU and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has noticed that PG diploma in clinical cardiology (PG DCC) granted by IGNOU is not recognized by Medical Council of India;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government and IGNOU for the recognition of Medical Council; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove the difficulties?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b): The fresh enrolment by IGNOU during 2018-19 was 673696 students against fresh enrolment of 574073 students in the year 2017-18. This increase has been facilitated by the steps taken to promote and establish quality norms in the field of open & distance learning by University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.

(c): Further, as per the provisions contained in University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017, Open Universities can only run those courses/programmes which have due approval from the respective statutory regulators in the field of higher education. Accordingly the courses currently run by IGNOU is recognised by other universities and are also recognised for employment.

(d) to (f): The PG Diploma in Clinical Cardiology (PG DCC) granted by IGNOU is not recognised by the Medical Council of India. IGNOU had taken up the proposal of recognition of PG DCC with MCI, however, the request of IGNOU was not acceded to by MCI since the course offered by IGNOU was through distance mode. It is the decision of the government that professional courses through distance mode is not to be allowed unless it is cleared by the corresponding regulators.
