

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 46  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021

**Open/Distance Learning Programme**

46. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grant Commission (UGC) has proposed to reinstate the approval of Universities to conduct Open/Distance Learning Programmes out of their native States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the UGC has received the proposal from Sree Narayana Guru Open University, Kollam, Kerala for recognition; and
- (d) if so, the details and the current status thereof?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a)&(b): UGC has notified UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. The same is available on UGC website at <https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/221580.pdf>

(c)&(d): No such proposal has been received by the UGC.

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