

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4137
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

Distance Education System

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any uncertainty in the conduct of courses under the Distance Education Scheme in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the list of Universities accredited to offer courses under the Distance Education Scheme; and
- (d) whether the successful completion of professional courses like MBA and MCA under the Distance Education scheme hinders further study and employment at the Government level?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b) There is no uncertainty in conduct of courses under Distance Education System in the country. University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 on 4th September, 2020. The recognition of HEIs to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and/or Online mode is processed as per the provisions stipulated under these Regulations.

(c) The List of recognized Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) offering courses under the ODL is available at [https://deb.ugc.ac.in/pdf/RecognisedHEIs\(ODL\)-FINALLIST.pdf](https://deb.ugc.ac.in/pdf/RecognisedHEIs(ODL)-FINALLIST.pdf).

(d) As per UGC Regulation 2020 (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes), the degree at undergraduate and postgraduate level acquired through Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode are treated equivalent to the corresponding degrees and diplomas acquired through conventional mode. Therefore, this does not hinder further study and employment at the Government level.
