

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 144  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022  
**Sree Narayana Guru Open University**

144. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission has received application for conducting distance education in Sree Narayana Guru Open University Kollam Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding the approval and permission given by the UGC for conducting distance education in Sree Narayana Guru Open University;
- (d) the details regarding the courses, programmes, projects approved by UGC on the basis of application submitted by Sree Narayana Guru Open University;
- (e) whether the UGC permitted other universities in Kerala to delink distance education;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the UGC or the Government has received request from Government of Kerala or other Universities in Kerala to delink the distance education programmes and permit Sree Narayana Guru Open University to conduct such courses; and
- (h) if so, the details there of?

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): University Grants Commission (UGC) has received the online application of Sree Narayana Guru Open University Kollam Kerala on 28-05-2022. The application had deficiencies. The deficiencies have been communicated to Sree Narayana Guru Open University Kollam Kerala on 23-06-2022 by the UGC.

(e) to (h): The UGC has not permitted other universities in Kerala to delink distance education, also the UGC or the Government has not received request from Government of Kerala or other Universities in Kerala to delink the distance education programmes and permit Sree Narayana Guru Open University to conduct such courses.

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