

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2395
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2015

Functioning of IGNOU

2395. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

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

- (a) whether a High Powered Committee of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) had made certain recommendations for improvement in the functioning of the University;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of implementation of its recommendations; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): As per the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), a large number of programmes were offered through face-to-face mode by the University by signing MoUs with Private Institutions which were not as per the mandate of the University. Subsequently, based on the report of the High Powered Committee, which was placed for consideration at the 113th Meeting of the Board of Management (BoM) of the University held on 31st May, 2015, the University has discontinued/kept in abeyance some of its programmes including community colleges offered through face-to-face mode and also programmes running in collaboration with other Institutions in the country and abroad from the academic cycle commencing July, 2012. The main reasons were that the courses offered were not in accordance with the University's Statutes and the University did not have domain knowledge and subject expertise in their curriculum design and delivery.

The University further informed that 245 academic programmes have been kept in abeyance as they did not meet the requirement of the University Act/Statutes/Ordinances.

However, the students admitted till January, 2012 admission cycle are allowed to complete their programmes of studies.

(c): Certain issues that led to the non-issuance of the degrees/grade cards to the students enrolled upto January, 2012 admission cycle under various programmes/schemes of IGNOU had been brought to the notice this year of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, and have been subsequently resolved.
