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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1153
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021

Job oriented degrees of IGNOU

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether degrees of IGNOU are job oriented, the details thereof;
- (b) whether degree in Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) in IGNOU is equivalent to a degree in MSc. Psychology for the purpose of recruitment to the post of Educational and Vocational Guidance Counsellor (EVGC) in Government institutions and schools, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other career opportunities arising for candidates opting for this degree program?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) offers a variety of job oriented programmes at Certificate/Diploma/Under Graduate Degree/Post Graduate Degree level.

(b): The equivalence for the purpose of recruitment is decided by the recruiting authority.

(c): The career opportunities for the Master of Science (Counselling and Family Therapy) degree-holders from IGNOU are in the following important fields:

- Educational sectors such as schools and colleges;
- Healthcare sectors for promotion of mental wellbeing; and
- Institutional sectors involved in the care of the aged, children, women and youth.
