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The State Universities offering distance education courses were addressed to provide data on courses offered by them under Open University System. From the replies it is gathered that courses are offered under the Open University System (OUS) by the following universities: Tamil Nadu Open University, Annamalai University, Madras University, Mother Teresa University Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and Alagappa University.

The replies received were compiled and presented here in the form of statements. Statement 1 gives the enrolment in undergraduate courses. Statement 2 gives the enrolment in postgraduate courses. It is to be added that there are no registrations under programmes that do not lead to degrees except for Diploma in Saiva Siddanta offered by Annamalai University.

Note: Reply has not been received from Madurai Kamaraj University. The information available in the Annual report of Madurai Kamaraj University is included in the statements.

Concluding Remarks:

Open University education is expected to cater to the needs of the age group of 18 to 35. The population in this age group in Tamil Nadu may be approximately 270 lakhs. Out of this about 210 lakhs may not be qualified to pursue higher education. If it is presumed that 10-50% of this population may be in need of access to higher education, the target population is 21 to 105 lakhs; whereas the enrolment in all the universities of Tamil Nadu in Open University System is only about 1.25 lakhs. There is therefore a vast scope for expansion of this system of education.

Statement 1 Enrolment in Under Graduate Courses.

S.No.	Name of the Course	Name of the University	Enrolment
1.	B.A.	Tamil Nadu Open	972
		Annamalai	13,880
		Madras	13,619
		Mother Teresa	15
		Madurai Kamaraj	4,389
		Manonmaniam Sundaranar	526
		Alagappa	704
		Total	34,105
2.	B.Com.	Annamalai	5,954
		Madras	5,397
		Mother Teresa	1
		Madurai Kamaraj	1,513
		Manonmaniam Sundaranar	665
		Alagappa	497
		Total	14,027
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3.	B.Sc.	Annamalai	808
		Madras Mother Teresa	2,629
		Madurai Kamaraj	188
		Alagappa	165
		Alagappa	103
		Total	3,792
4.	B.Lit.	Annamalai	1,850
		Madras	850
		Manonmaniam Sundaranar	67
		Alagappa	116
		Total	2,883
5.	B.B.A.	Annamalai	3,303
		Madras	9,484
		Mother Teresa	13
		Madurai Kamaraj	899
		Alagappa	957
		Total	14,656

6. B.M.M.		Annamalai	809	
		Total	809	
7	B.C.A.	Annamalai	493	
		Madras	2,190	
		Mother Teresa	1	
		Manonmaniam Sundaranar	374	
		Alagappa	242	
		Total	3,300	
 3.	B.Music	Madras	347	
		Total	347	
) _.	B.B.M.	Madras	475	
		Alagappa	31	
		Total	506	
10.	B.C.S.	Madras	493	
		Alagappa	15	
		Total	508	
Grand Total			74,933	

Statement 2 Enrolment in Post Graduate Courses

S.No.		Name of the University	Enrolment
1.	M.A.	T.N. Open	1,755
		Annamalai	31,974
		Mother Teresa	59
		Madurai Kamaraj	8,599
		Manonmaniam Sundaranar	565
		Alagappa	1260
		Total	44,212
2.	M.Com.	T.N.Open	282
		Annamalai	6,035
		Mother Teresa	7
		Madurai Kamaraj	739
		Manonmaniam Sundaranar	346
		Alagappa	483
		Total	7,892
3.	MLM.	Madurai Kamaraj	310
		Total	310
		Grand Total	52,414