

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GRANT OF AUTONOMOUS STATUS TO COLLEGES BY UGC

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

- (a) whether University Grants Commission has given higher priority to grant autonomous status to selected colleges in the country;
- (b) the criteria fixed to declare a college as an autonomous college;
- (c) the achievement made by the college already conferred the autonomous status so far; and
- (d) if no achievements have been made by such colleges, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) The scheme of autonomous colleges was evolved with a view to providing academic freedom to colleges as a measure of quality up-gradation. It is an on-going scheme and autonomous status is given to the colleges taking into consideration their academic reputation, attainments of the faculty, physical facilities, institutional management, financial resources, responsiveness of the administrative structure and involvement of faculty, etc. The conferment of autonomy is subject to review.

(c) Autonomous colleges have derived several benefits out of autonomy which include revision of curriculum, starting of new courses, introduction of own system of admission, conduct of examinations and declaration of results and evolving of more effective methods of teaching and learning.

(d) Does not arise.