

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the names of Universities and Colleges having Post- graduate departments of Urdu;
- (b) whether any of these affiliated colleges have been recognised as Minority Educational Institution established under Article 30 of the Constitution; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR.VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Association of Indian Universities and the University Grants Commission (UGC), 57 Universities in the country are offering M.A. in Urdu. A list of these universities is enclosed as Annexure. Most of these Universities are State Universities.

As per the information obtained from the UGC, there are 311 universities/ deemed universities/institutes of national and state importance which are authorized to award various specified degrees including B.A./B.Sc. There are 15343 colleges which are recognized under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act which include some minority educational institutions also.