

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:355
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2006
EDUCATION FOR POOR AND MARGINALISED SECTIONS
Nayak Shri Ananta

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

- (a) whether UGC has any plan for spreading of education among the poor and marginalized sections and also to cater to the growing needs of economy and foster human rights as reported in Times of India dated the February 8, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the time by when such plans are likely to be finalized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has been funding universities and colleges to operate relevant schemes for this purpose which interalia include:

- i) Establishment of SC/ST cells in Universities,
- ii) Coaching class for entry in service for SC/ST & Minorities,
- iii) Financial assistance to teachers who are visually handicapped,
- iv) Special scheme for Construction of Women`s Hostels,
- v) Special Development grants to universities and colleges located in Backward areas and
- vi) Human Rights` and Duties` education.