

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

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SETTING UP OF NEW FACULTIES IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to review the present financial condition need and scope for starting new faculty in various universities;
- (b) whether any effort is proposed to be made to improve the standard of teaching, research and development activities in different States; and
- (c) if so, the guidelines issued by the Union Government to the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission assesses financial needs of universities, including State Universities, included under Section 2(f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act at the beginning of each Plan Period by sending Visiting Committees to these universities. On the recommendations of such Committees, funds are allocated for various developmental activities including the starting of new faculties. These Committees also review the progress made by universities during the previous plan period and give suggestions with reference to improvements in the quality of teaching & research. The UGC has several schemes for improving the standards of teaching, research and other development activities. These include Special Assistance Programmes, Assistance for major and minor Research Projects, Assistance for Strengthening of infrastructure for Science & Technology etc. Guidelines in respect of Schemes are issued from time to time by the UGC to all Universities.