

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

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

(a) whether D. Bandopadhyay Committee appointed by the Government to look into the alleged irregularities in awarding scholarship and fellowship by Indian Institute of Advance Studies (IIAS), Shimla has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) the action taken /proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Sir. D. Bandyopadhyay Committee on the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (HAS), Shimla, which was appointed in October, 2004 to inter alia probe into `sanctioning of fellowships during the last three years and in particular,

the sudden and unusual increase in the number of fellowships sanctioned` xs already submitted its final report to the Government of India.

(b) : The major recommendations made by the Review Committee in its final report on the issue of fellowships include the strengthening of the Academic Committee, revision of the terms and conditions of fellows, ensuring fair distribution of fellowship among scholars of different age groups, suggestion of areas, themes or subjects for research by the Fellowship Award Committee,digitization of library and constitution of a Search Committee for the National Fellowships.

(c) : The final, report of the Bandyopadhyay Committee has been accepted by the Government. However, the HAS, Shimla, being an autonomous body, the report has been sent for the consideration of its Governing Body.