

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

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SETTING UP OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to constitute a higher education council to address the problems facing the higher education sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to institute scholarships to identify and encourage meritorious and talented students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission have circulated the guidelines on setting up State Council of Higher Education to all Chief Ministers and the Governors of the States. State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have established Higher Education Councils.

(c) & (d): Two Scholarships namely

(i) Post Graduate Merit Scholarship for University Rank Holders in General and Honors courses at Undergraduate level and

(ii) Post- Graduate Scholarship scheme for Single Girl Child have been introduced by the Central Government from the academic session 2005-06. The University Grants Commission is the nodal agency for implementing these schemes. The rate of scholarship is Rs.2,000/- per month for a period of two years (10 months per year).