

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FORMULATION OF NEW POLICY ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new policy to ensure restructuring of higher education curriculum, switching over to semester system, improving the financial health of colleges and universities, setting up of private universities on subsidised land for providing free education to socially and economically backward class students etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of requirement and allocation of funds to ensure higher quality of education in colleges and universities?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Subject to finalisation of XI Plan, it is proposed to link allocation of resources for developments to universities eligible to receive assistance from the University Grants Commission, with their initiatives in introducing academic reforms for improvement of quality of higher education and addressing the concerns of access and equity.