

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

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CREATION OF NEW DEPARTMENTS IN THE UNIVERSITIES OF ASSAM AND TEZPUR

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

- (a) the number of new subjects and departments which are likely to be introduced by Assam University and Tezpur University during the 11th Plan Period;
- (b) the time by which these departments are likely to start their functioning and the number of new posts for teaching and non-teaching staff to be created during the 11th plan in these universities; and
- (c) the proposed in-take. capacity of students of these new departments in the two universities?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): While during XIth Plan period, both Assam University and Tezpur University have proposed to introduce a number of new programmes / courses and establishment of new Departments/ Centres, based on the recommendations made by the UGC XIth Plan Visiting Committees and discussions held with the University authorities, the University Grants Commission has conveyed, recently on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2008, the tentative XIth Plan allocation to these universities. For General Development Grant, a sum of Rs. 70 crore and Rs. 92.25 crore has been allocated to Assam University and Tezpur University, respectively. The Universities have been asked by the UGC to re-work their priorities within the said allocation, keeping in view the recommendation of the Visiting Committees, within a period of 15 days so that UGC is able to convey its final approval. As such, it may not be possible, at this stage, to indicate any detail with regard to the subjects and departments likely to be started during the XIth Plan period in both these universities.