

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Government and private colleges, as on date, in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of private colleges getting grant from the University Grants Commission (UGC);
- (c) the criterion for giving grant to private colleges; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for promoting quality education in private and Government colleges?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are 25951 colleges (including Government and private colleges) in the country during the year 2008-09. A State-wise list of colleges is given in Annexure. According to the UGC, 5308 private colleges (both aided and unaided) are eligible under Section 12 B of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, to receive grants under its various schemes (as on 31.1.2010).

(d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has initiated a number of steps for promoting quality education. This includes mitigation of quality gaps in universities and colleges, revamping of Academic Staff Colleges, strengthening of Inter-University Centres, establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cells in universities and colleges, academic reforms in universities and colleges, designing of model curriculum, etc. The UGC is also implementing several schemes for quality improvement and excellence, such as College with Potential of Excellence, Special Assistance Programme, Major and Minor Research Projects, and Fellowship for doing M.Phil. and Ph.D., etc. Attractive pay packages for university and college teachers have been introduced by Government to attract and retain talented persons in teaching profession. Posts of Professors have also been introduced in colleges.