

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MONITORING OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes community based monitoring of colleges and universities through web-based portals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In order to ensure access to information by all stakeholders in higher education, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has been directed by Central Government to ask all universities and other higher educational institutions recognized by UGC under Clause (f) of Section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, and all institutions notified under Section 3 of the said Act as institutions deemed to be universities to have a website in which full information shall be furnished by such institutions or universities to provide basic information related to the financial situation, physical assets, admissions criteria, fee structure, faculty positions, academic curricula, study centres, etc. to empower students, parents and other stakeholders to enable them to make informed choices.

The UGC shall provide a link to the website of the university or institution, as the case may be, in its own website for ease of access by stakeholders. The UGC shall also place the reports of its Expert Committees invested with the duty to inspect any university under the relevant provisions of the UGC Act or for making a recommendation to the Central Government in respect of any declaration under section 3 of the said Act, on its website for public to access such information.

The All India Council for Technical Education has developed its web portal, and the institutions under its purview are required to fill in the information in the prescribed format for general information of all stakeholders.