

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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JOINT PH.D. PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has submitted a proposal to the Government for initiating a joint Ph.D. programme wherein Universities both within and outside the country participate in it;
- (b) if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken/propose to be taken by the Government to provide financial and administrative support for this joint research collaborations?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The National Knowledge Commission in its report on " More Quality PhDs" had recommended that joint PhD programmes may be created between universities both within and outside the country. The universities have academic autonomy to structure such programmes in collaboration with universities within and outside the country. A legislative proposal to facilitate the entry and regulation of foreign educational providers, including their collaboration on academic programmes with institutions in the country, is under consideration of Government.