

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided to address the crucial issues of development funding for universities by the State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the State Governments have agreed for development funding to universities;
- (c) if so, whether the universities which are facing resource crunch and other hurdles in providing access to the higher education would be guided by innovative ways to streamline the system; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which UGC proposes to provide help to these universities?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): University Grants Commission (UGC) provides development grants to various eligible institutions declared fit to receive grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act. The Eleventh Plan envisages schemes to incentivize State Governments to increase public investments in higher education by providing Central Government assistance to supplement State Government's investment. These include incentivizing State Governments for establishment of new universities, support to universities and colleges that have not been declared fit to receive grants, additional support to universities and colleges declared fit to receive grants and establishment of degree colleges in 374 identified educationally backward districts. These schemes of UGC provide support to universities established by or under State law and State Government supported colleges to improve their infrastructure in enhancement of access opportunities to higher education.