

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

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MINORITY STATUS TO UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received requests for granting minority institution status to Aligarh Muslim University and Jamia Millia Islamia University; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The question relating to minority institution status of Aligarh Muslim University is before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, where the interpretation of the term "establishing" a University, as was laid down in the "Azeez Basha" matter, is under challenge and that orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in that matter will have a bearing on the issue relating to the demand from certain quarters for according status of minority institution to Jamia Millia Islamia, which is before the Hon'ble National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions.