

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

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SCRAPPING OF UGC AND AICTE

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Prof. Yashpal Committee for Higher Education Reform has recommended scrapping of all regulatory bodies like University Grants Commission and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has also reportedly recommended setting up of a super regulator for the entire higher education system in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The Committee on Renovation and Rejuvenation of Higher Education (Yash Pal Committee) has recommended the creation of an all-encompassing National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) with Constitutional status to subsume the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and the University Grants Commission (UGC), the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the Distance Education Council (DEC) and the academic functions exercised by Councils regulating professional education. . The Committee has also recommended that universities be made responsible regarding the academic content of all courses and programmes of study. The need for an overarching independent body for overseeing the entire spectrum of higher education has been accepted by the Government as one of its priorities for action.