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ACADEMIC REFORM SEMESTER SYSTEM IN UNIVERSITIES

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recently proposed any academic reforms in the Higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce semester system in University education and allow students to make their own choices regarding the specialised courses and the institutions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission has proposed academic reforms including introduction of semester system along with choice based credit system, reforms in examination and assessment procedures, admission process and curriculum development in Universities. However, universities have academic autonomy to consider the suggestion for implementation according to their requirements. The Central Universities Act, 2009 [25 of 2009] establishing new Central Universities provides for academic reforms, including semester system and choice based credit system in section 6 thereof. The Government have accorded a high priority to extending academic reforms to other Central Universities also.