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SEMESTER SYSTEM

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce semester system in various universities of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Universities have autonomy in academic matters including the introduction of the Semester System. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has written to Vice Chancellors of all Universities and institutions deemed to be universities to implement a slew of academic reforms in higher education including the introduction of semester system. Section 6(2) of the Central Universities Act, 2009, makes it obligatory on the new Central Universities to implement certain academic reform measures including the Semester System. The introduction of the semester system in conjunction with other reform resources would ensure greater choice in learning besides enabling student mobility across institutions.