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DALIT AND MINORITIES STUDIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide financial assistance to the universities for research in the area of dalit and minorities studies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) is contemplating to launch any scheme in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): According to the information provided by University Grants Commission (UGC), UGC is implementing a number of Schemes aimed at promoting research in Humanities & Social Sciences including Major and Minor Research Projects, Research Awards to Teachers, and strengthening of Social Science and Humanities teaching and Research Activities. Therefore, scholars interested in pursuing research in "dalit" and "minority" studies can avail of the fellowship and research schemes by submitting appropriate proposals and which meet the eligibility conditions under the Schemes. UGC is also implementing a scheme aimed at reduction in regional imbalances, social gaps and promotion of inclusiveness in higher education.