

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

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PAUCITY OF QUALITY OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

- (a) whether there is paucity of quality educational institutions for higher studies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether educationally backward States have asked the Union Government to review its education policy and open more number of educational institutions for higher studies in their States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the decisions taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): No specific assessment has been made regarding shortage of quality educational institutions for higher studies in the country. However, during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Central Government has envisaged establishment of Central Universities in hitherto uncovered States, and establishment of new institutions of higher learning in the Central sector such as Indian institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, National Institute of Technology and School of Planning and Architecture, incentivizing States for establishment of new educational institutions and/or expansion of existing once, establishment of model degree colleges in the 374 identified higher educationally backward districts where the GER is below the national level.