

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

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COMMITTEE ON RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) Expert Committee has suggested the University Committees to review safety in handling radioactive and other hazardous materials used by the institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of universities/ institutions that have responded to the direction so far;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that the Chairman, UGC had constituted an Expert Committee to frame guidelines on this issue. The Committee has submitted its recommendations. The Commission in its meeting held on 27.09.2010 considered the UGC guidelines for Universities, Research Institutes and Colleges for Procurement, Storage, Usage and Disposal of Radioactive and other Hazardous Materials/Chemicals. Chairman, UGC was authorized to finalize the guidelines after having a meeting with the Chairman of the Expert Committee. The Chairman, UGC has met Prof. Rath, Chairman of the committee on 03.11.2010 but the issue is under consideration and guidelines are yet to be finalized.