

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

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MINORITY STATUS TO UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received representations for granting minority status to 'Aligarh Muslim University' and 'Jamia Millia Islamia University', Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main reasons for not granting minority status to these universities; and
- (d) the time by which such universities are likely to be granted minority status?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes Sir, several representations have been received in this regard, from time to time, from various stakeholders including representative bodies of students, teachers, employees, alumni and distinguished persons from public life.

(c) and (d): While the Government had taken the stand that as per the Aligarh Muslim University Act, it is a minority institution, this issue is pending adjudication before the Apex Court. As regards Jamia Millia Islamia, the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions has recently declared it a minority educational institutions.