

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:286

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Navratna Universities

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

(a) whether the Government is working on a concept of `Navratna Universities`;

(b) if so, the rationale behind this concept;

(c) the details of the Universities conferred/proposed to be conferred with `Navratna` status and the additional facilities proposed to be provided in such Universities;

(d) whether the concept of `Navratna Universities` may encourage students to pursue further studies in India itself rather than going abroad; and

(e) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to make the Indian Universities comparable with the best in the world?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 286 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2011 ASKED BY SHRI SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJI AND SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE REGARDING NAVRATNA UNIVERSITIES.

(a) to (e): The efforts to make Indian universities achieve excellence and be comparable with the best in the world is an ongoing process. A committee of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities has recently worked on the concept of identifying universities with outstanding performance, which could be assisted with enhanced autonomy and budgetary support, to enable them to emerge as globally competitive institutions of excellence. The details in this regard are not yet finalised.