

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

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DIVERSION OF FUNDS FOR OBCS

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

- (a) whether the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has diverted funds given under Other Backward Classes (OBCs) grants for research to meet the expenses for organizing tours;
- (b) if so, the details of funds released by the UGC under OBCs grants during 2008 to 2011, year-wise;
- (c) the funds utilized for the purpose, year-wise;
- (d) whether the C&AG has also made any remarks on the utilization of funds;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken/being taken by the Government on diversion of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESHWARI)

(a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), there has been no diversion of funds given to the University under the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) grant for research. The sanction communicated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) permits the University usage of recurring grants for non-salary/other expenditure and accordingly the University allocated Rs. 10 lakhs and Rs. 3 lakhs each to Science and non-Science Faculty members for procurement of research materials, equipment, fieldwork, seminars, national and international travel in connection with academic and research activities. Under the OBC grant, during the year 2008 to 2011, the funds released by the UGC and utilized by JNU are as under:-

Rs. in lakhs

| Year | Funds released | Funds Utilized |
|---------|----------------|----------------|
| 2008-09 | 4,857 | 2,920.08 |
| 2009-10 | 4,000 | 4,022.65 |
| 2010-11 | 2,000 | 2401.30 |

(d) to (f) The Performance Audit Report of the C&AG has not yet been laid before Parliament.