

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

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OPEN AND DEEMED UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names and number of open universities in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the criteria and grant-in-aid provided by the Government to set up open universities and deemed universities in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more universities in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (e) whether the Government is satisfied with the performance/standard of education in these universities; and
- (f) if not, the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to maintain high standard of education in such universities?

**Answer**

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

(a) As on 17.8.2011, there are 14 Open Universities in the country (01 National Open University and 13 State Open Universities). State-wise list of Open Universities is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(b) Open Universities in the country are established either by the Central Government or State Governments as per the need and criteria laid down by them in this regard. Central Government do not sanction any grant-in-aid for setting up of the State Open Universities. However, it does provide financial assistance for, inter alia, development of infrastructure, self learning materials, student support services, staff training and capacity building, technology-enabled learning and library facilities to the State Open Universities.

Institutions Deemed to be Universities are so declared by the Government on the advice of UGC. The eligibility criteria including grant-in-aid for an institution to be declared as institution deemed to be University has been provided in UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 which can be seen at [www.ugc.ac.in/notices/gazetteenglish.pdf](http://www.ugc.ac.in/notices/gazetteenglish.pdf).

(c) No Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) and (f) Standard of education varies from university to university and also between the departments and colleges of the same university. However, UGC constitutes Committees comprising of academic Experts in relevant fields which conduct periodic on-site visits to ensure maintenance of standards in institutions deemed to be universities.