

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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DROPOUT OF STUDENTS IN JNU  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is heavy dropout rate of students in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in B.A. (Hon.), M.A., M.Sc. and M.C.A. courses;
- (b) if so, whether the JNU has analyzed the reasons for such dropout rate in these courses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the sanctioned seats for foreign students have also not been filled up;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the steps taken by JNU in improving infrastructure and providing basic facilities out of the grants released under the 10th and 11th Five Year Plans?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF 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 is drop out in some of the programmes. This drop out is due to some students leaving five years M.A. Integrated programme, either immediately after completing B.A or after joining M.A. on getting job opportunities. Some other students leave the programme in mid course because they fail to fulfill the minimum requirements of Cumulative Grade Point Average.

(d) & (e) According to the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission, JNU has created 15% supernumerary seats in each discipline to be filled up only by foreign nationals. However, there has not been adequate demand for admission against these seats. To attract the foreign national students, the University has even allowed full fee waiver in case of such foreign nationals who are required to take Entrance Examination.

(f) For improving infrastructure and providing basic facilities, the University has, during the 10th and 11th Five Year Plan periods, created, inter alia, 3 new Centres, 2 Special Interdisciplinary Centres, 2 Hostels, Lecture Theatre cum Convention Centre and Advance Instrumentation Research Facility, construction of new buildings of the existing Schools / Centres and upgradation of Cyber Library, classrooms and teaching learning facilities.