

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

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NEW TELEPHONE HELPLINE FOR SCS STS AND OWS STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced new telephone helpline to assist students belonging to dalit, tribal and weaker sections to make informed choices in higher education and carrier choices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the funds spent in this regard during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of the response received so far in each States?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): No Madam, however to make Colleges and Universities more responsive to the needs and constraints of the disadvantaged social group, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has financed Institutions to establish Equal Opportunity Cells to oversee the effective implementation of policies and programmes for disadvantaged groups and to provide guidance and counselling in academic, financial, social and other matters. The Cell also takes up programmes to sensitize University / Colleges on problems faced by SC and ST categories in higher education. One time grant of Rs.2.00 lakhs for establishing the office of Equal Opportunity Cell is being provided. So far, in 128 State & Central Universities and in 1066 Collages EOCs have been established.