

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WINDING UP FUNCTIONS OF REGULATORS

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

(a) whether the Yashpal Committee has recommended to wind up the existing functions of regulators like University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE) and Distance Education Council (DEC);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has also recommended to wind up the UGC and AICTE etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to accommodate/ rehabilitate the employees of these organisations in other newly constituted bodies; and

(f) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Yash Pal Committee had recommended creation of an over-arching body, namely National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) for all matters relating to or incidental to the regulation of standards in all branches of Higher Education, including technical, medical and professional education in any field of knowledge. The National Knowledge Commission (NKC) had also recommended the establishment of an Independent Regulatory Authority for Higher Education (IRAHE) to regulate all fields of knowledge in higher education.

(e) & (f): A Working Group under the Chairmanship of Prof. M. Anandakrishnan, Chairman, Board of Governors (BoG) IIT Kanpur and consisting of nine other experts has been set up by the Central Government to suggest measures and mechanisms for managing the transition to the proposed National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) with specific reference to the officers and employees of the bodies proposed to be subsumed in the NCHER.