

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

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has set up an Expert Committee to look into the possibility of banning dissection of animals for zoological experiments in colleges and universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether the said Committee has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said Committee; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the Government on the recommendations so far?

Answer

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

- (a) &(b): According to information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), an Expert Committee has been constituted by chairman UGC under the chairmanship of Prof. H.A. Ranganath, Director, National assessment and Accreditation council(NAAC), Bangalore to look into the issue of banning dissection of animals for zoological experiments in the colleges and universities.
- (c) to(e): The Committee has submitted its report to UGC after a series of meetings and detailed deliberations on the issue and after taking cognizance of the concerns expressed by a cross sections of academic community and general public. The recommendations of the Committee are annexed. The detailed guidelines framed by the Committee for implementation of recommendations have been approved by the UGC.