

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INSPECTION OF DEEMED UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deemed Universities inspected by expert Committees during the last three years;
- (b) the number of teams constituted for inspecting the deemed Universities and the composition of these Committees;
- (c) whether these Committees did not visit their campuses but invited them for power presentation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of deemed Universities found lacking in infrastructure, quality teaching and research, etc.?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Pursuant to the general concern regarding decrease in academic standards in certain institutions deemed to be universities, the Government directed University Grants Commission (UGC) to review the functioning of such institutions, especially with regard to the availability of infrastructure and teaching resources (faculty) therein. As informed by UGC, 125 institutions deemed to be universities have been inspected by 125 UGC Expert Committees. Each Committee comprised of 5 (five) to 20 (twenty) members, consisting of academics and nominees of the relevant statutory councils. These Expert Committees conducted on-site inspections and have pointed out that 7 such institutions are lacking in infrastructure and 17 of them in faculty positions. As regards research, the Expert Committees have observed that in most cases, the overall research component required further strengthening.