

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

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TASK FORCE TO MONITOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to conduct a survey on higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted any task force to monitor the said survey;
- (d) if so, the details including the composition thereof;
- (e) whether some experts have criticised the said proposal;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the reaction of the Government thereto and the time by which the survey is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) : With the growing size and diversity of the higher education sector in the country, particularly in terms of courses, management and geographical coverage it has become necessary to develop a sound data-base on higher education. In view of this, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has initiated an All India Survey on Higher Education. A Task Force has been constituted under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (HE), MHRD with representatives from University Grants Commission, All India Council for Technical Education, Medical Council of India, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, National University of Education, Planning and Administration (NEUPA), National Statistical Commission, Central Statistical Office. University of Delhi, Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, University of Mumbai, Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University, National Informatics Centre, representatives of State Higher Education Departments of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Assam with Deputy Director General (MHRD) as the Member Secretary.

(e) to (g) : The Government has not received any criticism in this regard. The responsibility to conduct the main survey has been entrusted with the NUEPA.