GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1544 ANSWERED ON:30.11.2011 FUND ALLOCATION TO UNIVERSITIES Shekhar Shri Neeraj;Singh Shri Yashvir

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated to various Central Universities during each of the last three years and the current year, university-wise;
- (b) whether the Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS), Banaras Hindu University (BHU) is facing financial crunch;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase allocation to BHU, particularly for its IMS hospital in view of shortage of fund, machinery and manpower resources and the problems being faced by the poor people who visit there for treatment; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): Based on the information received from University Grants Commission, the requisite details are given in the Statement annexed.
- (b) to (e): It is gathered from University Grants Commission (UGC) that during the XI Plan, the Commission allocated Rs. 237.99 crore to Banaras Hindu University (BHU) for infrastructure development out of which Rs. 170.79 crore has already been released. Of this amount, BHU has utilized Rs. 138.67 crore, thereby having an unspent balance of Rs. 32.12 crore besides an unutilized allocation of Rs. 67.22 crore as on 1.10.2011. Therefore, there is no justification for increasing the allocation of BHU for the balance short period of about 4 months of the XIPlan. Further, it is the University that decides the allocation of funds received from University Grants Commission (UGC), to constituent institutions including Institute of Medical Sciences, with the approval of statutory bodies, keeping in view their requirements, priorities and overall availability of resources.

UGC has also released an amount of Rs. 47.00 crore to Institute of Medical Science (IMS), BHU as a special grant under Prime Minister Swasthaya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) for up-gradation of the infrastructure development of IMS, BHU.