

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Times Higher Education World brings rating of universities across the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether none of the institutes in India including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have figured in the first list of 200 universities; and
- (d) if so, the measures adopted/are being adopted to bring Indian institutions at world standards when even countries like Brazil and Taiwan is among the first 200?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government is aware that "World University Rankings 2011-12" is published by [timeshighereducation.co.uk](http://timeshighereducation.co.uk). Similar ranking is also published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) system called QS University Ranking. These organizations have different criteria of ranking of Universities and there are variations in the world ranks accorded by them. Obviously, these and other systems are subjective in nature and no uniform ranking of Universities in the world is available on an authentic basis.
- (c): Indian Institutes of Technology(IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management(IIMs) have not figured in the list of first 200 Universities published by these two ranking systems.
- (d): University Grants Commission (UGC) established under UGC Act, 1956 is entrusted with determination and maintenance of Standards in Universities and Colleges. UGC has issued University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2010 for maintenance of Minimum Standards in Higher Education.