

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:344  
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REPORT OF VED PRAKASH COMMITTEE  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as per the Ved Prakash Committee Report 33 percent of the higher educational institutions are in south India;
- (b) if so, whether southern States including Kerala will be allocated less funds and lesser number of higher educational institutions during the Twelfth Plan;
- (c) if so, whether it will not be injustice to the southern States where education is given paramount importance; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, as per the XII Plan proposal entitled " Inclusive and Qualitative Expansion of Higher Education- 12th Five Year Plan 2012-17" submitted by UGC to MHRD, 33 percent colleges are located in southern India.
- (b) to (d): Grants are allocated to the existing universities and colleges based on UGC guidelines, for the scheme, which are uniformly applicable to all universities and colleges throughout the country. UGC grant is available to individual eligible institutions and thus, does not adversely affect the State or region having more institutions. However, special grants are provided for institutions located in backward or hilly and border areas and for opening new colleges to promote expansion of education in such regions.