

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is an overload of colleges on universities in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the number of colleges under each university in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bifurcate overloaded universities; and
- (d) 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): University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it has not fixed any norm to decide on the affiliation "overload" on universities. While UGC has framed Regulations on conditions to be followed while granting affiliation, it has not fixed any limit on number of colleges, which can be affiliated to a university. Universities are autonomous entities which fix their own norms for affiliating colleges through Statutes framed under their respective Acts.
- (b): There are one Central university, 19 state universities and 21 deemed to be universities in state of Maharashtra. The list of affiliating universities as furnished by UGC alongwith number of affiliated institutions is furnished in the Annexure.
- (c) & (d): While it is desirable to create more universities to reduce the affiliation load on existing universities, all the universities except one i.e. Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Viswavidhyalaya (MGAHV), are state universities and therefore state government alone is competent to take decision on bifurcation of universities. The Central University of MGAHV is a non-affiliating university.