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INNOVATION UNIVERSITIES

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

- (a) whether the proposal for setting up Universities for Innovation aiming at world class standard in academics and research has been finalized;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives behind setting up such Universities;
- (c) whether the Government has worked out modalities for setting up Innovation Universities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which such Universities are likely to be opened?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): A legislative proposal for setting up of Universities for Research and Innovation is under consideration of the Government. The proposal aims to provide for the establishment and incorporation of Universities for Research and Innovation to promote synergies between teaching and research and to create institutions universally recognised for quality in teaching, learning and research. These Universities would be at the source of making India a global knowledge hub and set benchmarks for excellence for other institutions of higher learning.

(c) to (e): The proposed legislation will provide a framework for establishment of Universities for Research and Innovation, which will be set up as public funded, purely privately funded, as well as Universities in the Public Private partnership (PPP) Mode. Fourteen such publicly funded Universities are proposed to be set up across the XI and XII Plan period. Setting up of these universities is contingent upon passing of the legislation by Parliament.