

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEFENSE STUDIES IN VARSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Committee of Experts has proposed to set up a Council of National Security Research and Studies to promote research and studies at postgraduate and doctoral levels in national security studies and analysis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Council will promote and co-ordinate defence and strategic studies in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the areas of studies of national and international interest; and
- (e) the details of universities and colleges, where defence studies are equally a part of the college/university courses?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Committee of Experts constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Air Commodore (Retd.) Shri Jasjit Singh, Director, Centre for Air Power Studies, recommended for establishment of a national level Council of National Security Research and Studies. The Council should correspond broadly with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) with overall responsibility and guidance of the Departments and Centres for National Security Studies.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. The Committee has also given recommendations in the nature of a sample syllabus indicating suggestive/indicative areas for national security studies, which include International Security and Strategic Landscape, India's National Security, Challenges to Indian Security, Military Power and its role in National Security, Security with Nuclear Weapons and Terrorism and Societal Violence.

(e) : There are five universities in the country, which have full-fledged departments of Defence Studies as follows: (1) University of Allahabad, Allahabad, (2) University of Madras, Chennai, (3) University of Pune, Pune, (4) University of Manipur, (5) University of Punjab, Chandigarh.

Committee also observed that only universities of Allahabad, Pune and Chennai are the ones which offer credible programmes at the Post Graduate and Doctoral levels. The Committee of Experts has reported that there are 29 universities where Defence Studies is being taught as a discipline. Besides the 29 universities, there are 27 universities under which there are 137 colleges which offer Defence Studies courses at the under graduate level.