

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

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BETA COLLEGES AND META UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Beta Colleges and Meta Universities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any direction to the State Universities to launch this kind of model;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which these universities and colleges are likely to be established?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. A Meta University has been established in a collaborative framework at Delhi in which, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Indian Institute of Technology New Delhi are participating. The main purpose of Meta University is to share learning resources by different universities by using latest technologies available in order to enable students to benefit from learning resources available in different institutions. Such Meta Universities cannot be set up through Government directions. They need to be set up after the participating institutions/ Universities voluntarily decide to share their learning resources to provide students with a wholesome learning experience.

(c): No Sir.

(d) & (e): Does not arise in view of (c) above