

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

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ELECTIONS TO STUDENTS UNION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the central universities where elections to student unions have been conducted during 2011-12, as on date;
- (b) whether elections have not been conducted in some of the central universities on account of fragile peace prevailing in the campus, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of violence occurred during student union elections, particularly in Jamia Milia Islamia and Banaras Hindu University;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that in absence of democratic set up and student unions in central universities, students are being harassed by university administration and if so, the response of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government will hold election in central universities including Banaras Hindu University, Aligarh Muslim University and Jamia Milia Islamia in pursuance of the directions of Hon`ble Supreme Court and recommendations of Lyngdoh Committee;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a): As per information made available by the Central Universities, elections to the Students' Union have been conducted during 2011-12 in University of Hyderabad, Rajiv Gandhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Delhi, Nagaland University, Aligarh Muslim University and Hemawati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University.
- (b): Yes, Sir. Elections of Student's Union have not fructified in Jamia Milia Islamia and Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya due to the prevailing law and order situation.
- (c): Jamia Milia Islamia informed that the Students' Union in the University was disbanded in 2006 after a series of violent incidents, the last being the attack on the Vice Chancellor of the University. Banaras Hindu University has informed that during the last Students' Union Election in 1996, two students died and several others were injured in election-related violence.
- (d): Government is aware of the need of democratically constituted Student representative body to take care of the students' interest. In whichever Central University, the Students' Union is not in existence, the interests of the students are being protected through the representative Students' Council or similar body.
- (e) to (g): As Central Universities are autonomous bodies and are governed by their respective Acts and Statutes and Ordinances made there under, Government does not have any direct role in holding the election of the Students' Union / Council. However, all the Central Universities have been directed by University Grants Commission (UGC), on the advice of the Ministry to implement the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee Report on the constitution of Students' representative bodies in compliance of the order of the Apex Court. Aligarh Muslim University and Banaras Hindu University have already started holding elections of the Students' Union and Students' Council, respectively. Jamia Milia Islamia has arranged for students to be represented through students' subject association of each department. As per the University, the process is similar wherein students elect representatives for their department who in turn elect office bearers who keep contact with the University administration regularly.