

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

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RECOGNITION TO POST GRADUATE DEGREES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that one-year postgraduate degrees from the UK are not recognized by the Association of Indian Universities and equivalence certificates are not issued in such cases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether steps are being taken to provide respite to students, with one-year postgraduate degrees from the UK, who are keen on pursuing doctoral studies in Indian Universities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has reported that as per the norms prescribed by University Grants Commission (UGC), the Post-Graduate degree programmes at Indian Universities have to be of two years duration. The Universities in UK offer one year degree programme which does not conform to this requirement. The AIU is, therefore, presently not in a position to issue equivalence certificates of one year degree programmes offered by British Universities to be at par with the degrees offered by Indian Universities.

(c) & (d): Admissions to Doctoral studies are to be accorded by Universities, as per the UGC Regulations on Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.PHIL/Ph.D.,2009.