

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

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TASK FORCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up a task force to monitor higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had undertaken higher education survey in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the inputs received during the survey had demanded many reforms in the higher education; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) With the growing size and diversity of the higher education sector in the country, particularly in terms of courses, management and geographical coverage it has become necessary to develop a sound database on higher education. In view of this, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has initiated an All India Survey on Higher Education. A Task Force has been constituted under the chairmanship of the then Additional Secretary (HE), MHRD with representatives from University Grants Commission, All India Council for Technical Education, Medical Council of India, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), National Statistical Commission, Central Statistics Office, University of Delhi, Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, University of Mumbai, Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University, National Informatics Centre, representatives of State Higher Education Departments of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Assam with Deputy Director General (MHRD) as the Member Secretary. No reforms are proposed based on the inputs received so far from the survey.