

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1007
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2009
ACADEMIC STANDARD OF DEEMED UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether two independent committees were constituted to enquire into the academic standard of the Deemed-to-be Universities and to review their functioning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these committees have since submitted their reports to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the recommendations of both committees, separately; and
- (e) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Government has constituted a Committee to review the functioning of the existing institutions 'deemed to be universities' to ensure that standards of higher education and research are maintained by such institutions so as to justify their continuance as institutions 'deemed to be universities'. The Review Committee included the following persons:

- (i) Professor P.N. Tandon, Professor Emiretus Member Department of Neurosurgery,AIIMS,New Delhi
- (ii) Professor Govardhan Mehta, Chairman NAAC and Member former Director IISc Bangalore
- (iii) Professor Anandkrishnan, Chairman IIT Kanpur Member
- (iv) Professor Mrinal Miri, Former Vice Chancellor NEHU Member
- (v) Additional Secretary (Higher Education) OR Convener Joint Secretary (HigherEducation)

The Review Committee has submitted its report, which is under active consideration of the Government. The University Grants Commission has also been asked to take up review of the functioning of all the 'deemed to be universities' with regard to the availability of the qualified faculty and the infrastructure in the 'deemed to be universities'. The process of review by the University Grants Commission is yet to be completed.