

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

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OVER BURDENED UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of universities in the country are over-burdened due to large number of colleges and pupils under its jurisdiction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has appointed a Committee headed by Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan to relieve the management of universities from burden by bifurcation or trifurcation;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the Committee for building reputation/goodwill; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) : University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it has not fixed any norm to decide on the affiliation "overload" on universities. There are 108 affiliating universities in the country (out of a total of 248) which have more than 100 colleges affiliated to each of them. Large number of affiliated colleges lead these universities to devote a large amount of time and energies on managing these colleges. A statement, state wise, indicating number of affiliating universities and number of colleges affiliated to them, is annexed.

(c) to (e): A UGC Expert Committee, under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Madras, to formulate an action plan on "Reforms of Affiliating System" has recommended that the number of colleges affiliated to a university should be about 100. All these 108 universities mentioned above, have been created by different state legislatures and controlled and administered by respective state governments. The affiliating powers are conferred upon these universities by their respective Acts and Statutes and decision to bifurcate or trifurcate such universities lies with State Governments.