

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

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UNIVERSITIES FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION BILL, 2012
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Universities for Research and Innovation Bill, 2012 provides reservation policy as available in the public funded universities for innovation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of provisions made in the proposed 'Universities for Research and Innovation Bill, 2012' with regard to grants that will be given from public funds, regulation of its admission process and accountability?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The provisions of Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 shall be applicable to all public funded Universities for Research and Innovation.

(c):The Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament, give grants to each University for Research and Innovation, to support research and the promotion and development of higher education, as provided in the memorandum of agreement and to meet expenditure on scholarships or fellowships instituted by it. The Central Government may also make grants to each public funded University for Research and Innovation for its development and maintenance.

The Universities for Research and Innovation have complete autonomy in matters of determining standards of admission. However, these universities are obligated to disclose information on matters of admissions.

Accountability is ensured through the audit of public funded Universities for Research and Innovation by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). For private funded Universities for Research and Innovation, accountability will be ensured through reviews by the Academic Research Peer Group for research work and by the Academic Audit of Teaching through a Peer Group for course work & teaching.