

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of private universities opened in the country during the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure quality education in these universities; and
- (c) whether the Government is setting up a regulatory panel to rein in private varsities and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): During the last two years, 53 private universities have been opened in the country. Details are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): The affairs of the private universities are regulated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as per the provisions contained in the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 and by other statutory regulatory bodies of the Central Government or State Governments concerned. The Government has introduced the Prohibition of Unfair Practices in Technical Educational Institutions, Medical Educational Institutions and Universities Bill, 2010 and the National Accreditation Regulatory Authority for Higher Educational Institutions Bill, 2010 for the control of unfair practices and the maintenance of standards in Higher Educational Institutions including Private Universities in Parliament.