

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up private universities in various parts of the country including Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details of such new universities, State-wise and those which are already functioning in the States;
- (c) the details of the rules and regulations under which such universities are allowed to function in individual regions;
- (d) whether the Union Government provides some kind of incentive for opening such universities;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Private Universities are established by Acts of the concerned State Legislatures. At present, there are 148 Private Universities in the country. There are only two Private Universities in Odisha established by the Acts of the State Legislature of Odisha. The details of all these universities are available at the University Grants Commission (UGC) website www.ugc.ac.in.
- (c) The criteria and rules and regulations for the establishment and the functioning of Private Universities are decided by the State Government concerned. These Private Universities are regulated by the UGC as per the provisions contained in the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) Does not arise.