

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

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

- (a) whether the process of setting up of Education Commission by the Government has been initiated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is in favour of providing more autonomy to the educational institutions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to expedite the setting up of professional Education Commission?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. In pursuance of the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 2011, the Government has decided to set up an Education Commission to make recommendations for improvements at all levels of education. The Composition and Terms of Reference of the proposed Commission are being finalized in consultation with the stakeholders.
- (c) & (d) The strategic framework for the 12th Plan for higher education has identified certain critical areas, including governance, for a paradigm shift. The proposed paradigm shift in governance provides for institutional autonomy by transforming the role of the government from command and control to a steering and evaluative role.
- (e) In order to expedite the process of setting up of the Education Commission, the consultations are underway.