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

- (a) whether the students engaged in academic and research institutes of science and technology are only treated as scientists and the students engaged in research in other fields of much importance like agriculture, food technology, etc. are not treated as scientists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to treat them at par in view of their contribution to the research work in the fields which play an important role in the development of national economy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a) to (c) : As per the information given by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Department of Science and Technology, students with M.Sc (Natural and Physical Sciences), M.Tech. (Engineering Sciences), Veterinary with MVSc. Degree, Agricultural with M.Sc. Agriculture, Food Technology with B.Tech/M.Sc. Pharmacy (M. Pharm) are eligible to be treated as Scientists if they are employed in a permanent position. Students who have done courses for 5 years (Graduate and Post Graduate), classified as basic sciences, and the students who complete PG Degree + 4 years Under Graduate Degree, classified as Professional courses, after completion of doctorate are also treated as scientists.