

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has set up women study centres across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the UGC has asked the universities and colleges to give emphasis on gender sensitization and gender studies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that 158 Women's Studies Centres across the country have been set up from the VIth Plan onwards. The State -wise details of existing Women's Studies Centres established in various Universities/Colleges are annexed.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The Chairman, UGC has recently addressed a letter to all Vice-Chancellors and heads of institutions to increase efforts towards ensuring adequate emphasis on gender related issues in Universities. He has also requested them to ensure gender sensitization modules in curricular areas of higher education. The UGC has also notified the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 which mandates every Higher Educational Institution to take appropriate measures to promote gender equity amongst the students also. The UGC scheme on "Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education" emphasizes gender sensitization and gender studies to facilitate the constituencies of women faculty, administrators and staff within the higher education system to increase the participation of women in higher education management.