

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

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ARABIC EDUCATION IN CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is providing Arabic education in 20 central universities through the University Grants Commission (UGC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the standard of teaching of Arabic language in the country is not satisfactory and there is a demand from Muslim scholars for setting up of a University in India for better academic exchange with Saudi Arabia;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) As informed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Arabic education is being imparted in ten Central Universities namely the Aligarh Muslim University, the Banaras Hindu University, the University of Delhi, the Jamia Millia Islamia, the Jawaharlal Nehru University, the Visva-Bharati, the English and Foreign Language University, the University of Allahabad, the Assam University and the Maulana Azad National Urdu University. In addition, the UGC has allocated Rs. 14.00 crore to the Maulana Azad National Urdu University for establishment of a Satellite Campus at Lucknow for starting Undergraduate / Postgraduate Programmes in Arabic and Persian.

(c) to (e) As per the available information, no demand has been received from Muslim scholars for setting up of a Central University in India for better academic exchange with Saudi Arabia.