

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

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

- (a) whether his Ministry has held discussions with Vice-Chancellors to improve teaching standards; and
- (b) if so, the main points discussed in the meeting and the action plan prepared in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Conferences of the Vice Chancellors of the Central Universities were held in June and August, 2012 and in February, 2013. The Council of Vice Chancellors also met in October 2012. The main issues discussed among others included the following:

- (1) Improving Quality of Education and faculty development,
- (2) Establishment of research Parks/incubation centres
- (3) Collaboration with Research Laboratories and industry
- (4) Effective use of National Knowledge Network
- (5) Mandatory accreditation
- (6) Extending the reach of education through extension work in contiguous areas through outreach programmes,
- (7) Integrating skill with general higher education, organising practical training sessions with industry
- (8) Filling up of the vacant teaching posts
- (9) Norm based funding
- (10) Autonomy and accountability

The recommendations made in these conferences have been shared with the Vice Chancellors of the Central Universities for follow up action as these are autonomous bodies which have to take such decisions with the approval of their Statutory authorities. A Committee of Vice Chancellors under the Chairman, University Grants Commission has been constituted to monitor the implementation of the recommendations.