

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether at present more than 65 percent Central Universities do not have a Department of Education;
- (b) if so, the number of Central Universities which have no Department of Education and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government is considering to set up a National Mission for Teachers (NMT) to improve access and quality of education to focus on teachers training;
- (d) if so, the present status thereof; and
- (e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. As per the information furnished by the Central Universities (CUs), 12 of the 40 CUs do not have a Department or School of Education which is 30% of the total CUs. As the CUs are autonomous bodies, the decision to open any new department is taken by their respective statutory authorities. However, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has requested all the CUs not having a Department/School of Education to open one during the XII Plan for which the UGC will provide necessary funds.

(c) to (e): A concept note on the proposed National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (NMTT) was discussed in the 59th meeting of the Central Advisory Board on Education (CABE) held on 6.6.2012 which resolved to have the proposal examined by a committee of the CABE. The Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Shashi Tharoor, has been constituted.

As the report of the Committee has not been finalized, no timeframe for a final decision can be indicated at this stage.