

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- (a) the details of the action plan made for higher education in the 12th Five Year Plan;
- (b) the basis on which funds are provided to universities under the scheme;
- (c) whether the fund monitoring system has been changed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): The 12th Plan seeks to achieve greater access to higher education coupled with equity and inclusion. It also seeks to enhance quality and excellence in all spheres of higher education. The 12th Plan document as approved by the National Development Council is available at http://planningcommission.nic.in/plans/planrel/12thplan/pdf/vol_3.pdf.

(b) to (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) gives grants to those institutions which are covered under Section 2(f) and are fit to receive such grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956. The UGC had constituted an Expert Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. S.P Thyagarajan to develop a new funding pattern for the universities and colleges based on transparent, objective norms. The Committee has since finalized and submitted its report to the UGC.