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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that some women colleges and universities like Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) have issued dress code recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Central Universities including the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) are autonomous bodies established through Acts of Parliament and are governed by their respective Acts, Statutes and Ordinances. All academic and administrative matters are decided by the Statutory Authorities of the Central Universities.

The details of a dress code, if any, prescribed for colleges and universities are not maintained centrally. However, in this specific instance, AMU has informed the Ministry that while there is no dress code as such, the university, since its inception, has prescribed uniforms (sherwanis and white salwar-kamiz with dupatta for boys and girls, respectively) for formal occasions.

(c): Given the statutory framework and the subject matter, no corrective steps are required to be taken by the Government.