

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up Meta Universities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, Location-wise;
- (c) the details of the funding structure for these Universities; and
- (d) the time by which these Universities are likely to be established?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. The main purpose of Meta Universities is to share the learning resources of different Universities by using the latest technologies available in order to enable the students to benefit from the learning resources available in different institutions.
- (b): The University of Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia have started a course on "Master's of Mathematics Education" 2012-13 under the Meta University concept. Similar initiatives are being realized in Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Pune (Maharashtra), Kolkata (West Bengal) and Chandigarh (Union Territory).
- (c): No extra funding is required since the institutions have to pool in their existing resources, including their human, physical, intellectual and financial resources, to operationalise such a concept.
- (d): The setting up of such Meta Universities is an ongoing process. The effort of the Central Government is to set up such institutions in every part of the country. No time frame has been fixed for setting these Universities as linkages between different institutions that have statutory autonomy, will develop at their own pace.