

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

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HERITAGE STATUS TO UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to award heritage status to several universities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria adopted/being adopted in this regard;
- (d) whether the Banaras Hindu University and Jamia Milia Islamia would also be provided heritage status;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the University Grants Commission will provide additional funds for those universities which would be provided heritage status; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A Concept Note on conferring Special Heritage Status to those Universities which have completed 100 years of existence has been sent to the University Grants Commission (UGC) for notifying the scheme.
- (c): To be eligible, an institution should have completed 100 years or more of its existence in the field of higher education and should have an impeccable track record in academic as well as service areas, particularly of the weaker and underprivileged sections with charitable, philanthropic and non-profit motives.
- (d) & (e): The Banaras Hindu University (established in 1916) and the Jamia Milia Islamia (established in 1920) have not yet completed 100 years of existence.
- (f) & (g): The scheme proposes a one time lump-sum grant to these Universities ranging from Rs.6 crores to Rs.12 crores.