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CYBER AND INFORMATION SECURITY AS SUBJECTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have asked Universities and Technical Institutions to introduce Cyber Security and Information Security as a subject at the under-graduate and post-graduate levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of these universities/technical universities thereto and the progress made by them so far in the matter?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Based on the recommendations of the Task Force on the National Security System constituted on the direction of the Cabinet Committee on Security, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has requested the Vice Chancellors of all the Universities to ensure that Cyber Security/Information Security is introduced as a subject in the universities/technical institutions at the under-graduate and the post- graduate levels. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has intimated that following the recommendations of the Task Force, it has made provisions in the Approval Handbook that out of the two divisions allotted at the Post-Graduate and Post-Diploma levels, one shall be on Cyber Security or in Cyber Security-related courses in the Computer/IT branches of Engineering/Technology. The details of the number of institutes offering courses on Cyber Security and the number of seats available for the same in different states, as provided by the AICTE, is Annexed.