

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF NANOTECHNOLOGY RELATED COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce nanotechnology-related courses in the Universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the universities identified for the purpose;
- (c) the methodology being evolved with stakeholders; and
- (d) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) & (b): Universities and other institutions with degree granting powers have autonomy in academic matters and have the freedom to offer any subject or course of study and therefore the question of identifying universities for introduction of courses by the Government does not arise.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): Introduction of courses such as in nanotechnology will enable research and study in frontier areas of knowledge providing an impetus to the growth of knowledge economy.