

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

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

- (a) whether the teaching in Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) remained suspended due to closure of the institution for some time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;and
- (c) the steps taken to open the University?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) In an incident of shooting outside the campus, a student of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) was killed on 25.10.2009. Following this, a section of the University students staged Dharnas in and around the University campus, including on the railway tracks, demanding, inter-alia, immediate removal of the Vice-Chancellor and other University authorities on account of alleged ineffective and insensitive administration and restoration of the AMU Students Union. The teaching remained suspended due to closure of the University from 1.11.2009 to 15.11.2009. The University declared winter vacations from 16.11.2009 to 30.11.2009.

(c) The University authorities constituted a Committee consisting of Deans to look into the grievances of the students and to suggest immediate and long-term actions for redressal. The University has also appointed a High Level Committee to examine the modalities of operationalising Lyngdoh Committee report regarding Students Union. It has assured that no student will be victimised for participating in the recent Dharna. As a result of persuasion, the Dharna was called off by the students on 26th November, 2009. The University has re-opened from 1st December, 2009, in a phased manner, and as of now all classes are in full swing.