

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

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DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITIES

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

- (a) the number of Deemed-to-be-Universities functioning in the country and the number of students studying therein, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal of de-recognition of these universities and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan to protect the future of students studying there, after the closure of deemed-to-be-universities and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): At present, there are 129 Institutions that have the status of Deemed-to- be-Universities in the country. As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), state-wise details of number of students studying in these Deemed to be Universities for the year 2010-11 is given at Annexure.

(b) & (c): The Review Committee constituted by the Central Government to review the functioning of the existing Institutions Deemed to be Universities placed 44 of them in category-III which, 'neither on past performance nor on the promise for future, had the attributes, to retain their status as Deemed-to-be-Universities'. The matter is presently sub-judice as the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed the Government to maintain status-quo vis-À -vis these 44 institutions. A Task Force was constituted with the same members as that of the Review Committee to prepare an Action Plan for implementation of the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Institutions Deemed to be Universities, which has recommended a seven point action plan to ensure that students studying in these institutions are not put to any unavoidable inconvenience.