

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

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PG COURSE IN HUMANITIES

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that one year post-graduate (PG) course in humanities from the United Kingdom is not recognized in India;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to recognize the said one year post-graduate course from the United Kingdom?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes Madam. The one year post-graduate (PG) degree in humanities from the United Kingdom is not accorded equivalence in India because similar post-graduate (PG) programmes in Indian Universities are of a two year duration.

(c): It has recently been decided that the Indian students who have obtained one year post-graduate (PG) degrees, in the last three years, from a duly recognized University in the United Kingdom having due accreditations at the national level, will be allowed to undertake a Bridge Course of six months' duration provided they have a 3-year conventional bachelor degree. Such students, having completed the bridge course successfully in the Indian Universities, will be entitled to obtain an equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)/appropriate authority.