

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

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OPENING OF PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of private universities functioning currently in the country;
- (b) the number of private universities opened in the country during the last two years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to open private universities during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received proposal from the various State Governments including Chhattisgarh for setting up of private university in their States; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise, Proposal- wise?

Answer

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

- (a): At present, there are 170 Private Universities in the country.
- (b): During the last two years (2011 and 2012), 56 Private Universities were established by the respective Acts of the State Legislatures. The State-wise list of Private Universities with the date of their Gazette Notification is available at the University Grants Commission (UGC) website www.ugc.ac.in.
- (c) to (e): Private Universities can be established either by an Act of Parliament or by an Act of State Legislatures. So far, the Ministry has not established any Private University by an Act of Parliament. The fact of the establishment of a Private University by an Act of the State Legislature comes to the notice of the UGC or the Ministry only after the relevant enactment. Information on the proposals pending at the State level for setting up Private Universities is not maintained centrally.