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SETTING UP A MINORITY UNIVERSITIES SCHOOLS

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

- (a) the number of Minority Universities in the country at present;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating to set up new universities and schools for the minorities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the locations identified for the purpose; and
- (d) the time by which these universities/schools are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a) No Minority University under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resource Development has been established in the country. However, the status of the Aligarh Muslim University as a Minority institution has been challenged in the Hon'ble Courts and is presently sub-judice. The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI)'s declaration of the Jamia Milia Islamia as a Minority institution is also sub-judice.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Minority Affairs is considering the proposal to establish six Central Universities in the Minority Concentration Areas to promote higher education among minorities in the country. While establishing schools and other educational institutions under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, the Model Schools, the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, the Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Block Institutes of Teacher Education, Model Degree College and the Sub-Mission on Polytechnics etc., focused attention is given to the Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs).