

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AUTONOMOUS STATUS TO COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of colleges that have applied for autonomous status in the country including Kerala during the last three years and the current year, Statewise;
- (b) the number of colleges that have been granted autonomous status by the UGC during the above period, State-wise;
- (c) whether some colleges in Kerala are protesting the autonomous status; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that a total number of 55, 34, 111 and 7 colleges had applied for autonomous status in the country (including Kerala) during the last three years i.e. 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and the current year (2014-15), respectively. The statement of colleges, state-wise, that had applied to the UGC for autonomous status is given at Annexure-I.

(b): A total number of 42, 21, 32, and 32 colleges have been granted autonomous status by the UGC in the country (including Kerala) during the last three years i.e. 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and the current year (2014-15), respectively. The statement of colleges, state-wise, that have been granted autonomous status by the UGC is given at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam, the UGC has informed that protests against grant of autonomous status were reported from the University College, Thiruvananthapuram and Maharaja's College, Ernakulam. It has also informed that representations were received against grant of autonomy on the grounds that grant of autonomy would isolate a college from the society, imperil merit and social justice, vitiate the atmosphere in the campuses, legitimize self financing courses, etc. However, the Government of Kerala has written to the UGC that it supports the autonomous colleges scheme and requested for continuation of the same.