

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that fake degrees of reputed universities are being sold on e-commerce sites in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases registered in this connection during the last two years;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in these cases and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) : No, Madam. No such case of fake degrees of reputed universities being sold on e-commerce sites in the country has been reported. The University Grants Commission (UGC) too has informed that it has no information in this regard.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise in view of above.
- (d): The Ministry of Human Resource Development has finalised the National Academic Depository Bill, 2015 which, envisages online storage, verification and authentication of academic awards by the depository.