

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there has been a mushrooming of private educational institutes during the last few years across the country;
- (b) if so, the whether the Government has any mechanism to ensure availability of basic infrastructure as well as qualified teachers in these institutes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the details of the steps taken/ to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. At present, 207 Private Universities have been established in the country through State Legislations. During the last five years (2010 to 2014), different State Governments have set up 134 Private Universities.

(b) & (c): Private Universities are being regulated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as per the provisions contained in the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. These Private Universities are inspected by the UGC with the help of Expert Committees which include representatives from the concerned Statutory Council(s). These Expert Committees visit the Private Universities to assess the fulfillment of minimum criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc. as laid down by the UGC and Statutory Bodies concerned. As such by continuously reviewing the Private Universities, the UGC is ensuring availability of basic infrastructure and qualified faculty with these Private Universities.

Out of the 207 State Private Universities, the UGC Expert Committees have already visited 111 Private Universities. The reports of UGC visiting committees are also uploaded on the UGC website for the information of student/parents and general public at large. The UGC visiting Expert Committees and AICTE Expert Committees have pointed out some deficiencies in the infrastructure and availability of qualified faculty. The UGC has asked these Private Universities to rectify these deficiencies and submit compliance report.