

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

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Access to Maulana Azad Library
Singh Dr. Bhola

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

- (a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has ordered that women undergraduate students will not be given access to the Maulana Azad Library in the campus and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has sought any explanation from the AMU on the issue; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the AMU in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a), (b) & (c) : As per the information provided by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), the present Vice-Chancellor has not given any orders on the Maulana Azad Library issue. On the basis of media reports regarding discriminatory action of the University of denying access to girl students of Women College to the Maulana Azad Library, this Ministry had sought some clarifications from the AMU in this regard.

AMU has clarified that there is no restriction on entry of girls, studying at AMU main campus to the Maulana Azad Library. Only girls of Women's College, which is located three kilometres away, were earlier not given membership of this Library for various reasons. However, in compliance of the Allahabad High Court order dated 25.11.2014 in PIL No. 61150 of 2014, AMU has granted access to girls of Women's College to the Maulana Azad Library from 08.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. every Sunday from 07th December, 2014.
