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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Department has been removed by the Government in various universities situated in States other than the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the present status of Tamil studies and research departments in the existing universities other than Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. (DR.) RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The University Grant Commission (UGC) has informed that it has not issued any instruction to close down Department of Tamil in Universities in the country. Three Central Universities, namely: Pondicherry University, Visva Bharati and Central University of Tamil Nadu have the Department of Tamil. In addition, UGC had sanctioned Tamil Chair in Jawaharlal Nehru University and Pondicherry University in 2005.

Out of 21 Deemed to be Universities receiving maintenance grants from the UGC, two Deemed to be Universities, namely: Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) and Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Dindigul (Tamil Nadu) have the Department of Tamil.

(c): A statement indicating the present status of Tamil Studies and research departments in universities located outside Tamil Nadu state is at ANNEXURE.