

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4044  
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RESTRICTION ON GIRLS IN AMU LIBRARY  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the undergraduate women students have been denied access to the main Library of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has enquired about this action of the AMU and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this matter; and
- (e) whether the Government has issued any directions to the central universities to take zero tolerance view against any remarks on women by University officials and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. As per the information provided by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), women undergraduate students of AMU were never denied access to the main Library of AMU. It was only girls of Women's College who did not have access to this Library.
- (c) & (d): On the basis of media reports of discriminatory action on denial of access of girl students of Women's College to the main library, several clarifications were sought from the AMU. The girls of Women's College have now been given membership to this Library by the University in compliance of the Allahabad High Court ruling dated 25.11.2014.
- (e): No, Madam.