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Title: Need to review the decision of de-recognition of Gurukul Kangri, a Deemed University of Haridwar, Uttarakhand.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (AHMEDABAD EAST): The Human Resources Development Ministry's decision to de-recognise 44 deemed Universities on the basis of the Tandon Committee report includes the name of Gurukul Kangri deemed University (Haridwar) which is not only India's prestigious educational institution but also a University funded by the Government of India since 1962.

Gurukul Kangri University was founded and established at Haridwar in 1902 by Swami Shradhananda who was great visionary and nationalist to the core. In its review report submitted last year, the UGC expert committee acknowledged the contribution of this University and even mentioned the fact that the University enjoyed the four star status granted by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

The UGC's rationale in permitting deemed universities was : "Granting of university status to institutions which are not universities but are doing specialized work of a high standard comparable to a university that would enable them to contribute to the cause of education and enrich both the institution and the education system."

The UGC's norms also lay down that an applicant institution should have existed for over 10 years and should be already engaged in teaching and research of an innovative nature and very high academic standard. Gurukul Kangri University successfully fulfils these preconditions set by the UGC for conferring the status of deemed university on any educational institution. Therefore, I request the Government to remove the name of Gurukul Kangri University from the list of 44 deemed Universities facing the threat of de-recognition and the Government should continue granting 100 percent financial aid to it.