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Fake Universities

1449 **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that many fake/non-recognized/self-recognised Institutes/Universities are running in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government against the operators of such Universities and the time by which these Universities are totally closed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): The State/UT wise details of fake universities are available at the University Grants Commission (UGC)'s website <https://www.ugc.gov.in/page/Fake-Universities.aspx>. The UGC has informed that presently, 20 institutions figure in the list of fake universities/institutions.

(c): The Central Government as well as the UGC are taking various steps to protect the innocent students from the trap of such Universities/Institutions, which inter-alia include:

- i. Public Notices about this are uploaded in UGC website to caution students, guardians and the public at large about such institutions.
- ii. From time to time, the UGC writes letters to Chief Secretaries and Education Secretaries of respective State/UT Governments to take action against fake universities/institutes located in their jurisdiction.
- iii. UGC has filed FIRs against some of these fake universities.
- iv. UGC has issued show-cause/ warning notices against such self-styled institutions.
- v. In addition, the Ministry has also requested the Chief Secretaries of all State/UT Governments to take appropriate action against those involved in defrauding and cheating students by misrepresenting themselves as "Universities", awarding degrees and using the "University" with their name.
