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Increasing number of fake Universities

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

- (a) the number of fake Universities that have come up in the last three years, State-wise and year-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any compensation program provided by Government for the losses incurred by students who were registered there;
- (c) if so, details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a): The list of fake universities are available in the website of the University Grants Commission (UGC) at <https://www.ugc.gov.in/page/Fake-Universities.aspx>. Currently 20 institutions figure in this list. The UGC has informed that in the last three years, the following fake Institutions have been included in the UGC list of fake Universities:

- i. Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, Bharat Bhawan, Matiyari Chinhat, Faizabad Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-227 105. (Year: 2021)
- ii. All India Institute of Public & Physical Health Sciences (AIIPPHS), State Government University, Office Kh. No. 608-609, 1st Floor, SantKripal Singh Public Trust Building Near BDO Office, Alipur, Delhi-36. (Year: 2022)
- iii. Bible Open University of India, H.No.49-35-26, N.G.O's Colony, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-530016. (Year: 2023)

(b) to (d): 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.
