GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2975
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017

Autonomy to Institutions

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

(a) whether the Government is emphasizing on giving autonomy to additional educational institutions and if so, the steps taken by the Government taken in this regard including the mechanism to be adopted to give autonomy to more universities and the objective behind the move;
(b) the number of autonomous higher educational institutions are currently functional in the country, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether these institutions are being monitored to ensure the quality of education and if so, the details of the same;
(d) whether the Government has set up a ranking system for autonomous educational institutions; and
(e) if so, the number of autonomous institutions covered by this ranking system?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has implemented the scheme of Autonomous Colleges with a view to bring in quality reforms in higher education. The Scheme of Autonomous Colleges offers academic and operative freedom to the Colleges. The autonomy so awarded under the scheme enables a College to determine and prescribe its own courses of study and syllabi and restructure and redesign the courses to suit local needs and to devise innovative methods of teaching, examination and evaluation. The scheme of Autonomous Colleges is open for all Colleges. Any number of Colleges under a University can apply for award of autonomous status to UGC under this scheme. However, Colleges are granted autonomous status only when they fulfill conditions as prescribed in the guidelines of the scheme of Autonomous Colleges. However, these guidelines are being revised so as to provide more autonomy to top ranking Higher Educational Institutions based on National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) grading and National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking. These institutions will be offered certain privileges to enable them to achieve yet higher standards. As on 15.03.2017 there are 595 Autonomous Colleges (affiliated to 103 Universities) in 24 States /Union Territories in the country. Detailed information on State/UT-wise number of

Autonomous colleges is at annexure. The existing guidelines for the scheme provide for monitoring mechanisms to ensure accountability and maintain standards of higher education of the autonomous colleges.

(d) & (e): No separate ranking system is in place for Autonomous Colleges by UGC. However, the Central Government has recently launched NIRF under which Educational Institutions are ranked by an independent ranking agency on the basis of objective criteria. The first of such ranking was completed and placed in the public domain on 4th April, 2016. Detailed information on institutions participated in the ranking exercise alongwith their ranks is available at https://www.nirfindia.org/Ranking .

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2975 FOR ANSWER ON 20.03.2017 ASKED BY DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN, SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI AND SHRI RAVNEET SINGH HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, REGARDING AUTONOMY TO INSTITUTIONS.

State/UT-wise List of Autonomous colleges as on 15.03.2017

S.No	Name of State	S.No.	University Name	No. of Autonomous Colleges	Sub Total
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	1	Achraya Nagarjuna University	12	82
		2	Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamundry	11	
		3	Andhra University, Visakhapatnam	12	
		4	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinda, A.P.	17	
		5	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Anantpur	13	
		6	Krishna University, Machilipatnam	06	
		7	Rayalaseema University, Kurnool	04	
		8	Sri Krishnadevarya University	02	
		9	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi	03	
		10	Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore	01	
		11	Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa	01	
2.	ASSAM	1	Dibrugarh University, Assam	02	02
3.	CHHATTISGARH	1	Guru Ghasidas University	03	11
		2	Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur	07	
		3	Sarguja Vishwavidyalaya, Ambikapur	01	
4	GOA	1	Goa University	01	01
5.	GUJARAT	1	Bhavnagar University	01	04
		2	Gujarat University, Ahmedabad	01	
		3	Gujarat Technological University, Gujarat	01	
		4	Saurashtra University, Rajkot	01	
6.	HARYANA	1	Kurukshetra University	01	01
7.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	Himachal University	05	05
8.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1	University of Jammu	02	03
		2	University of Kashmir	01	
9.	JHARKHAND	1	Kolhan University, Chaibasa	01	05
		2	Rachi University	04	
10.	KARNATAKA	1	Banglore University	17	69
		2	Davangere University	02	
		3	Gulbarga University	01	
		4	Karnataka University	02	
		5	Kuvempu University	02	
		6	Mangalore University	08	
		7	Mysore University	12	
		8	Rani Channamma University, Belgaum	03	
		9	Tumkur University,	01	
		10	Vijayanagara Srikrishnadevaraya University, Bellari	01	
		11	Visvesvaraya Technological University	20	
11.	KERALA	1	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	10	19
		2	University of Calicut	07	
		3	University of Kerala	02	
12.	MADHYA PRADESH	1	A.P. Singh University	04	38
		2	Barkatullah University	08	
		3	Devi Ahilya University	08	
		4	Dr. Hari Singh Gaur University	03	
		5	Jiwaji University	03	
		6	Rajiv Gandhi Proudhogiki Viswavidyalaya, Bhopal	02	
		7	Rani Durgawati University	08	

		8	Vikram University	02	
13.	**MAHARASTRA**	1	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar University	02	**40**
		2	North Maharashtra University	01	
		3	Savitribai Puhle Pune University, Pune	10	
		4	Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj, Nagpur Univ.	04	
		5	S.N.D.T. Women's University	01	
		6	Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University	03	
		7	Shivaji University, Kolhapur	06	
		8	Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University	02	
		9	University of Mumbai	11	
14.	**MANIPUR**	1	Manipur University, Imphal	01	**01**
15.	**NAGALAND**	1	Nagaland University	02	**02**
16.	**ORISSA**	1	Bherhampur University	07	**41**
		2	Biju Patnaik University of Technology	02	
		3	Fakir Mohan University	02	
		4	North Orissa University	03	
		5	Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubneswar	01	
		6	Sambalpur University	08	
		7	Utkal University	18	
17.	**PONDICHERY**	1	Pondichery University	03	**03**
18.	**PUNJAB**	1	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	01	**08**
		2	Panjab University, Chandigarh	01	
		3	Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar	04	
		4	Punjabi University, Patiala	02	
19.	**RAJASTHAN**	1	Jai Narain Vyas University (Jodhpur)	01	**04**
		2	Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer	01	
		3	University of Rajasthan	02	
20.	**TAMIL NADU**	1	Alagappa University	01	**175**
		2	Anna University	36	
		3	Bharathidasan University	23	
		4	Bharathiar University	27	
		5	Madras University	24	
		6	Madurai Kamraj University	27	
		7	Manonmaniam Sundaranar Univ.	07	
		8	Mother Teresa Women`s University	02	
		9	Periyar University	06	
		10	Tamil Nadu State Physical Education & Sport University	02	
		11	Tamil Nadu Teacher Edu. Univ., Chennai	11	
		12	Thiruvalluvar University	09	
21.	**TELANGANA**	1	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kukatpally, Hyderabad	24	**55**
		2	Kakatiya University	06	
		3	Osmania University, Hyderabad	23	
		4	Palamuru University, Mahabubnagar, Telangana	01	
		5	Telangana University, Dichpally, Nizamabad	01	
22.	**UTTAR PRADESH**	1	Allahabad University	01	**11**
		2	Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj University, Kanpur	01	
		3	Gautam Buddh Technical Univ, Lucknow	05	
		4	Mahatama Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth Varanasi	02	
		5	U.P. Technical Univ, Lucknow	01	
		6	University of Lucknow	01	
23.	**UTTRAKHAND**	1	H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar	01	**04**
		2	Uttarakhand Technical University, Dehradun, Uttrakhand	03	
24.	**WEST BENGAL**	1	Calcutta University	04	**12**
		2	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal	06	
		3	Vidya Sagar University, West Bengal	01	
		4	West Bengal State University, Kolkata	01	
			Total		**595**