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

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Political Activity in Educational Institutions

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

(a) whether the Government has noticed that educational institutions in Delhi and other parts of the country are becoming political arena which is affecting education of students;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to check such activities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the agitations that took place so far and the steps proposed to be taken to prevent such disturbances in future; and

(d) the number of such agitations/ political programmes organised in the educational institutions of the country which affected the education of students during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) to (d): There are reports of isolated undesirable incidents from certain institutions in Delhi and other parts of the country which have been dealt with by the authorities of the institutions and local administration responsible for Law and Order. Universities have informed that the academic activities were, however not affected. It is pertinent to mention here that these autonomous institutions are established under the respective Acts of Parliament and are competent to take action in the academic and administrative matters of the institutions, including student's union activities, with the help of local authorities wherever necessary. However, no centralised State/UT-wise information is maintained in this regard.