

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. **4102**
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017

Fake Degree Racket

4102. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that fake degree racket has been busted in Delhi and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of fake degree rackets that have been busted during the last three years and the current year in the country, State-wise including Delhi; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action to eliminate the problem of fake degrees and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it publishes a 'Public Notice' containing a list of fake universities and self-styled unrecognized institutions for awareness of general public and students on its website www.ugc.ac.in. To redress the menace of fake degree, measures like FIRs, show cause notices, warning notices have been undertaken by the UGC. Since, Law & Order is a subject matter of State Government, the UGC has written letters to Chief Secretaries, Education Secretaries of various States/UTs to take action against the fake Universities/Institutes located in their jurisdiction.

The UGC also maintains an updated list of all approved Universities on its website for information to students and their parents. Besides, the Ministry has launched Know Your College (KYC) portal on which all information with respect to a college is available.

The Central Government has approved the establishment of National Academic Depository (NAD) which, inter-alia would maintain academic awards in a 24X7 online digital depository to help eliminate fraudulent practices such as forging of degrees and mark-sheets etc.
