

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2636
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

Private Colleges

†2636. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there are certain private colleges functioning in the country which give misleading advertisements for awarding invalid degrees for invalid courses and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether these colleges give admission by charging high fee and donation from parents of the students and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the students have to face many legal problems due to these fake degrees, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government would formulate strict provisions to save people from such colleges which give misleading advertisements for their degrees and courses; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) to (e) : University Grants Commission (UGC) 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 <https://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. To help the students make an informed decision on the choice of college and the courses, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has launched a “Know Your College” portal. This portal is being maintained by AICTE and is available to the public at <http://www.knowyourcollege.gov.in/> . It is a single stop destination for students for making an informed choice.

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.
