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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1312
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019

Number of Private Universities

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

(a) the number of private as well as recognised universities in the country and State-wise ranking thereof on the basis of their work disposal;

(b) the location-wise details of the universities getting recognition on the basis of merits demerits by the University Grants Commission (UGC);

(c) whether the Government has prescribed any process for fixing merits-demerits and work disposal of the private universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether several proposals for setting up of private universities are lying pending with the UGC;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be approved; and

(g) the steps taken to improve the level and quality of education being imported by these universities?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a): At present, there are 901 Universities including Deemed to be Universities in the country. Out of which 330 are Private Universities. All Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) including Private Universities are ranked by National Institutional Rankings Framework (NIRF) based on their performance which includes 'Teaching, Learning and Resources', 'Research and Professional Practices', 'Graduation Outcomes', 'Outreach and Inclusivity', and 'Perception'. State/UT-wise list of all Universities that participated and ranked in NIRF-2018 in various categories is available on NIRF's website www.nirfindia.org.

(b): The location-wise details of University Grants Commission (UGC) recognized Universities are available on UGC's website www.ugc.ac.in.

(c) & (d): Private Universities are regulated by the UGC as per the provisions of the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. In order to ascertain the quality and performance of Private Universities, UGC conducts inspection of every Private University with the help of its Expert Committees consisting of a representative(s) from the Statutory Council(s) concerned. These Committees assess the fulfillment of minimum criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc. as laid down by the UGC and respective Statutory Councils. In case any deficiencies are pointed out, the Private Universities are asked to submit compliance report in respect of the observations/suggestions of the Expert Committees.

(e) & (f): No, Madam. Private Universities are established by the Act of the State Legislatures concerned. UGC only includes the name of Private University in its list after receipt of the State Act.

(g): UGC has issued a 10 point Quality Mandate for all Higher Educational Institutions including Private Universities to improve the standard and quality of education. The following are the initiatives:

   i.   Induction programme for students.
  ii.   Learning outcome-based curriculum framework – revision of curriculum in regular intervals.
 iii.   Use ICT based learning tools for effective teaching-learning process.
  iv.   Soft skills for students.
   v.   Social and Industry connect for every Institution: Every Institution shall adopt at least 5 villages for exchange of knowledge and for the overall social / economic betterment of the village communities.
  vi.   Examination reforms – test the concept, and application; exit examinations.
 vii.   Tracking of the student progress after completion of Course.
viii.   Induction training for all new teachers, and annual refresher training for all teachers – role of the NRCs; and mandatory leadership / management training for all educational administrators.
  ix.   Promoting quality research by faculty and creation of new knowledge.
   x.   Mentoring of non-accredited institutions, so that every Institution can get accreditation by 2022.

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