

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2313
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019**

Fake Universities

2313. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several fake universities are cheating the students in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government, including issuing of notices cautioning the public against such fake universities?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On the basis of complaints received from the students, parents, general public and also through electronic print media, University Grants Commission (UGC) has released the list of 23 fake Universities which are offering Degree programmes without recognition under Section 2(f) and Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. In addition, UGC issued public notice against the unrecognized status of Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM), New Delhi and illegal status of Bio-Chemic Education Grant Commission, Nadia, West Bengal. Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh is also not recognized by the UGC under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956. The details of these fake Universities are available on its website www.ugc.ac.in.

During the last three years and current year, the following Institutions have been included in the list of fake Universities:

- i. North Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, University Road Baripada, Distt. Mayurbhanj, Odisha-757003 **(2016-17)**.
- ii. Viswakarma Open University for Self-employment, India, Rozgar Sewasadan, 672, sanjay Enclave, Opp. GTK DEPOT, New Delhi-110033 **(2016-17)**.
- iii. Sree Bodhi Academy of Higher Education, No. 186, Thilaspeth, Vazhuthavoor Road, Pondicherry-605009 **(2017-18)**.

iv. Adhyatmik Vishwavidyalaya (Spiritual University), 351-352, Phase-I, Block-A, vijay Vihar, Rithala, Rohini, Delhi **(2018-19)**.

(c): The following steps have been taken by the UGC to warn people against fake Universities:

- i. Published public Notices on list of fake Universities/Institutes in Hindi and English Newspapers.
- ii. Updated the list of fake Universities on its website.
- iii. Sent letters to State Chief Secretaries, Education Secretaries and Principal Secretaries to take action against fake Universities/Institutes located in their jurisdiction.
- iv. Issued Public Notices on illegal status of Bio-Chemic Education Grant Commission, Nadia, West Bengal and IIPM, New Delhi.
- v. Lodged FIRs in Police station against Bio-Chemic Education Grant Commission.
