

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2420
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th JULY, 2019

Establish Higher Institutes in J&K

2420. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

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

- (a) whether the safety of Kashmiri students has been a major concern in recent past and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish State level higher institutes of professional studies in collaboration with private sector universities to ensure that students find good learning opportunities within the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): As law & order is a State subject, the primary responsibility for the safety and security of students, whichever part of the country they come from, is that of the State Government. However, the Government of India has issued advisories from time to time to ensure safety of students of Jammu & Kashmir who are studying in various parts of the country outside Jammu & Kashmir. As informed by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), MHA has issued Advisories dated 16.02.2019 and 22.02.2019 to the Chief Secretaries and Director Generals of Police of all States/Union Territories to take all necessary steps to ensure safety and security of Kashmiri students. A list of State Nodal Officers who may be contacted by J&K students/Kashmiris facing any difficulty was uploaded on

the website of MHA at <https://mha.gov.in> and States/UTs were advised to give wide publicity to the names of Nodal Officers.

As informed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), UGC has issued a letter to Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) dated 22.02.2019 regarding the safety of students from Kashmir studying in various higher educational institutions requesting them to ensure the safety and protection of the students on the campus. A copy of the letter is available on the UGC website at www.ugc.ac.in. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has also issued a similar letter to all Vice Chancellors/Principals of HEIs.

(b) & (c): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), inter alia, provides central assistance to the State Governments for setting up of New Professional Colleges. Under RUSA, the State of Jammu & Kashmir has been approved Rs. 491.01 crores under various components including Rs. 26 crores each for establishing 3 new professional colleges in the districts of Kathua, Ganderbal and Poonch.
