GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2344 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015

Campus Security

2344. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued new norms for campus security of institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there have been resentments from certain quarters; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued guidelines for safety of students, in higher educational institutions, while they are on the campuses or when they are on excursions/ tours/ academic trips etc. These guidelines are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6877477 final-Guidelines.pdf.
- (c) & (d): The UGC has informed that a group of students had staged a protest outside its headquarters demanding the withdrawal of these guidelines. The UGC has stated that the guidelines do not intend to curtail the freedom of students and suppress their right to privacy on the campuses.
