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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2407 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015

Functioning of Fake Universities

2407. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that there are some universities which are functioning without recognition of University Grants Commission in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such universities, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether these universities are indulging in appointment of lecturers more than the sanctioned strength and grant-in-aids;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government on such universities?

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per information made available by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the State Governments, 21 Fake Universities are functioning in the country without recognition of the UGC. In addition, Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM), Qutub Enclave, Phase –II, New Delhi are also unrecognized Universities and are functioning in violation of Section 2(f) and Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. However, owing to Court Orders, names of these two Universities have not been included in the list of Fake Universities. The matter is presently sub-judice in Hon'ble Court. The details of Fake Universities are enclosed at Annexure-I.

- (c) & (d): No such information is maintained on a regular basis regarding 'Fake Universities'.
- (e): Government and its agencies have been taking a number of steps to address the issue of Fake Universities. UGC maintains a list of declared Fake Universities on its website for awareness of the public. A link to this has also been provided on the website of Ministry of Human Resource Development. Further, the Ministry has written a letter to Chief Secretaries of concerned states on 21st July 2015 requesting them to investigate such fraudulent matters with respect to Fake Universities and register complaints in Police Stations within the jurisdiction of which the institute is situated. They have been requested to initiate prosecution against those involved in defrauding and cheating students by misrepresenting themselves as "Universities" and awarding such degrees. The Chief Secretaries have been further requested to identify other Fake Universities, apart from the list provided by UGC.

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (B) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2407 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRI P K BIJU, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "FUNCTIONING OF FAKE UNIVERSITIES" Bihar (1)

1. Maithili University/Vishwavidyalaya, Darbhanga, Bihar.

Delhi (5)

- 2. Commercial University Ltd., Daryaganj, Delhi.
- 3. United Nations University, Delhi.
- 4. Vocational University, Delhi.
- 5. ADR-Centric Juridical University, ADR House, 8J, Gopala Tower, 25 Rajendra Place, New Delhi.
- 6. Indian Institution of Science and Engineering, New Delhi.

Karnataka (1)

7. BadaganviSarkar World Open University Education Society, Gokak, Belgaum (Karnataka)

Kerala (1)

8. St. John's University, Kishanattam, Kerala

Maharashtra (1)

9. Raja Arabic University, Nagpur

Tamil Nadu (1)

10. D.D.B. Sanskrit University, Putur, Trichi, Tamil Nadu.

West Bengal (1)

11. Indian Institute of Alternative Medicine, 80, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-20.

Uttar Pradesh (9)

- 12. Mahila Gram Vidyapith/Vishwavidyalaya, (Women's University) Prayag, Allahabad (UP)
- 13. Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi, UP
- 14. Gandhi Hindi Vidyapith, Prayag, Allahabad (UP)
- 15. National University of Electro Complex Homeopathy, Kanpur.
- 16. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University (Open University), Achaltal, Aligarh (UP).
- 17. Uttar Pradesh Vishwavidyalaya, KosiKalan, Mathura (UP).
- 18. Maharana Partap Shiksha Niketan Vishwavidyalaya, Pratapgarh (UP).
- 19. Indraprastha Shiksha Parishad, Institutional Area, Khoda, Makanpur, Noida Phase-II, (UP)
- 20. Gurukul Vishwavidyalaya Vrindavan, Mathura, (UP).

Odisha (1)

21. Nababharat Shiksha Parishad, AnupoornaBhawan, Plot No. 242, Pani Tanki Road, Shaktinagar, Rourkela.
