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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2431 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.05.2016

Malpractices in awarding Degrees

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that mushrooming of private universities has been observed in various States and far flung areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that large scale malpractices have been reported in awarding the degrees, etc. without imparting the requisite education upto the required standards earmarked for the studies in the relevant subjects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps are being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the adherence to the prescribed regulations; and
- (f) whether the Government is aware of any fake degree syndicate operating in the country and if so, the details thereof including the action taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) & (b): At present, 237 Private Universities have been established in the country through State Legislation. In addition, 123 Institutions have been declared as Deemed to be University, out of which 88 Institutions are privately managed. The State-Wise/UT-Wise break up of these Universities is as under:

Sl No.	Name of State	No. of Private	No. of Deemed to	No.	of	privately
		Universities	be Universities	managed Deemed to		
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1.	Andhra Pradesh		5	4		

2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7	1	
3.	Assam	4		
4.	Bihar		1	
5.	Chandigarh		1	
6.	Chhattisgarh	8		
7.	Delhi		10	2
8.	Gujarat	24	2	2
9.	Haryana	19	6	3
10.	Himachal Pradesh	17		
11.	Jammu & Kashmir		1	
12.	Jharkhand	3	2	1
13.	Karnataka	12	14	12
14.	Kerala		2	
15.	Madhya Pradesh	20	1	
16.	Maharashtra	5	21	14
17.	Manipur	1		
18.	Meghalaya	8		
19.	Mizoram	1		
20.	Nagaland	2		
21.	Odisha	3	2	2
22.	Punjab	13	2	1
23.	Pondicherry		1	1
24.	Rajasthan	41	8	8
25.	Sikkim	5		
26.	Tamil Nadu		28	27
27.	Telangana		2	2
28.	Tripura	1		
29.	Uttar Pradesh	24	9	6
30.	Uttarakhand	11	3	2
31.	West Bengal	8	1	1
Total		237	123	88

(c) & (d): No, Madam. No large scale malpractices have been reported with respect to awarding of degrees without imparting requisite education. However, a few instances of

such malpractices have been reported where following requisite action has been taken by UGC against the universities.

- i. The University Grants Commission (UGC) after conducting inspection of CMJ University, Meghalaya, submitted its report to Meghalaya Government. The State Government of Meghalaya decided to dissolve the University.
- ii. UGC team visited Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management University (EIILM) University and recommended dissolution of the University. The state cabinet decided to dissolve the University.
- (e): Private Universities are regulated by the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. UGC is empowered to inspect the Private Universities with the help of Expert Committees. These Committees visit Universities to ascertain fulfilment of criteria by these Universities in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc. These Universities are asked to rectify the deficiencies pointed out by UGC Expert Committees and submit compliance report.

Similarly, Deemed to be Universities are also inspected as per UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 as amended from time to time in which there is a provision for inspection. After inspection, the deficiencies and suggestions if any are communicated to the institution for rectification and submission of compliance report.

(f): No such information is available with UGC.
