

'Deemed-to-be-Universities' were deleted from the list of Institutions 'Deemed to be Universities' consequent to their declaration as Institutions of National Importance on 9th August, 2007.

Raising the standard of universities

363. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is keen to raise the status and standard of a few reputed universities in the country at par with world universities; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to strengthen their infrastructural facilities and to enhance their academic excellence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special grants of Rs.100 crores each have been sanctioned for the Universities of Delhi, Mysore, Kolkata, Madras and Mumbai to upgrade infrastructural facilities during the Eleventh Plan. A proposal in respect of Panjab University is also under consideration. Provision has been made in the Eleventh Plan for incentivizing State Governments to allocate resources for strengthening infrastructure and academic excellence in State Universities.

Establishment of Guru Granth Institute

364. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of establishment of Guru Granth Institute at Amritsar which was announced by Prime Minister in 2005;

(b) the findings of the second committee appointed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to access the proposal submitted by Vice Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University;

(c) how long it will take for his Ministry to issue sanction for the Institute; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the land is being provided free by the University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A proposal to set up the "National Institute of Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib (NISSGGS)" as a centrally funded autonomous body is under consideration. Guru Nanak Dev University has agreed to provide land free of cost for the Institute.

Establishment of Central Universities

365. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: