

Deemed University Status

*96. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has recently processed the applications for granting 'Deemed University' status to many educational institutions across the country;

(b) if so, the number of the institutions conferred with the status of "Deemed University" and also those whose applications were rejected; and

(c) whether UGC has withdrawn recognition to any institution hitherto enjoying the status of 'Deemed University' and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since the 1st January 2005, the Central Government has, on the recommendation of University Grants Commission (UGC), conferred the status of 'Deemed to be University' on two institutions. The UGC has informed that as many as 66 proposals were not found suitable by its Screening Committee for the visit by the Expert Committee of the Commission.

(c) The Government of India has withdrawn the Deemed to be University status in respect of two institutions, on their request.

National Bal Bhavan Programme

*97. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bal Bhavans set up under "National Bal Bhavan" programme in different States as on the 31st December, 2004;

(b) the target fixed for setting up more Bal Bhavans in each State during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether any Expert Committee/study group has been appointed to evaluate the functioning of Bal Bhavans;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme as on the 31st March, 2004?