

Fake Overseas Universities

3304. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of the quality checks and mechanism to probe and verify bonafides, is helping the fake overseas universities to operate from India without any hindrance or regulation;

(b) whether the State of Hawaii in the US, has recently served a caveat on the University Grants Commission to look out for a fake university operating in India under the name 'American University of Hawaii';

(c) whether this "American Hawaii University" was barred from operating in Hawaii and fined heavily as it was found to be a one-man teaching shop; and

(d) whether UGC has put such alerts in its website to alert Indian students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) A committee of experts has been constituted to examine all relevant issues pertaining to the entry of foreign Universities in india.

(b) According to the University Grant Commission (UGC), no such caveat has been served on the Commission.

(c) According to the United States Educational Foundation in India (USEFI), the Hawaii University was penalized by a Hawaii court for awarding degrees against the relevant State Laws.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Central Universities with Tamil Department

3305. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities having a separate Tamil Department;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce Tamil in the Central Universities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, while only one Central University, namely, Pondicherry University, has a separate Tamil Department, Tamil is taught as a subject in six Central Universities — Pondicherry University, Aligarh Muslim University, Banaras Hindu University, University of Delhi, University of Hyderabad and Visva Bharati.

No proposal from any central University seeking establishment of a separate Tamil Department therein has been received for obtaining necessary approval of the Visitor in terms of the statutory provisions in this behalf.

UGC Assistance for women's hostels

3306. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC has a scheme to fund and finance women's hostels and other facilities so as to encourage women to obtain university education;

(b) if so, the details of the funds released by UGC in 2004-05 to finance women's hostels;

(c) the details of the funds given to the universities and colleges in Andhra Pradesh in 2004-05 for the specific purpose of funding women's hostels; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to increase funding for construction of women's hostels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The UGC has a Scheme titled as "Construction of Women's Hostel" in universities and colleges.

(b) According to information furnished by the UGC, during the year 2004-05, an amount of Rs. 2020.56 lakhs has been released by the UGC for construction of Women's Hostels.