

Entry of foreign universities

†2109. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed profit oriented foreign universities to enter in the country;

(b) if so, whether common Indian students are getting affected from this decision; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide necessary resources to Indian universities for value oriented higher education so that they may be included in the list of renowned universities of the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) No. Sir. As per Central Government's policy, education is not-for-profit activity in India.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance for conducting various courses under the scheme of Human Rights Education (HRE) at under-graduate and post-graduate level. HRE has three dimensions; moral, legal and contextual. The objectives of Human Rights Education Scheme are: Human Rights and Duties, Human Rights and Values and Human Rights and Human Development.

Shortage of teachers in Central Universities

†2110. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would launch a comprehensive drive to fulfil the shortage of teachers in order to improve the quality of education in Central Universities;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware that both the research and teaching are getting adversely affected due to acute shortage of teachers in the Central Universities; and

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