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**Access of women students to AMU library**

1577. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA:

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

(a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University has recently ordered that women undergraduate students would not be given access to the Maulana Azad Library, the main library on the campus and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Central Government has sought an explanation from AMU on the issue; and

(c) if so, the response of AMU in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) As per the information provided by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), the present Vice-Chancellor has not given any orders on the Maulana Azad Library issue.

(b) On the basis of Press Report of discriminatory action on denial of access of girl students of Women College to the Maulana Azad Library, several clarifications were sought from the AMU.

(c) AMU has clarified that there is no restriction on entry of girls, studying at AMU main campus to the Maulana Azad Library. Only girls of Women's College, which is located three kilometres away, were not given membership of this Library for various reasons. AMU has further informed that in compliance of the Allahabad High Court ruling dated 25.11.2014 in PIL No. 61150 of 2014 girls of Women's College can now have access to the Maulana Azad Library from 08.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. every Sunday commencing from 7th December, 2014.