

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to conduct these examinations simultaneously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to hold the examinations of all Skill Based subjects of Class X and XII in the month of February, 2019. Examinations for all core Academic subjects will be conducted in the month of March as usual.

(c) The CBSE usually conducts class X and XII examination simultaneously.

Functioning of private and deemed universities

2640. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to review the functioning of private universities and deemed universities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) Private Universities are established by the Act of respective State Legislatures and are governed by the provisions of their respective Act. However, all Private Universities are required to maintain quality and standard of education as per the provisions of the University Grants Commission (UGC) (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. Besides, Institutions Deemed to be Universities are regulated by UGC as per the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

As per the provisions of the above Regulations, UGC conducts periodic inspection of every Private University and Deemed to be University to review their functioning with the help of its Expert Committee consisting of eminent experts from the concerned fields and nominee from the Statutory Council(s) concerned. In case any deficiencies are found by the Committee, the University concerned is asked for rectification of the deficiencies.