

**Fake Universities in country**

2515. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has released any list of fake Universities, in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, especially in Rajasthan and Maharashtra;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether any notices have been sent or any enquiry set up so far or whether any such action would be taken in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. University Grants Commission (UGC) has released the list of 24 fake Universities, which are available on its website *www.ugc.ac.in*. In addition, UGC issues public notice against the unrecognized status of Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM), New Delhi and illegal status of Bio-Chemic Education Grant Commission, Nadia, West Bengal. Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, Lucknow, UP is also not recognized by the UGC under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

No fake Universities have been identified in the State of Rajasthan. Raja Arabic University, Nagpur has been identified as fake University in the State of Maharashtra. In addition, UGC has issued Show Cause/Warning notices to the following three Institutes in the State of Maharashtra during the current year:—

- (i) Indian Institute of Alternative Medicines and Natural Healing, Andheri(W), Mumbai.
- (ii) National Institute of Event Management, Andheri(W), Mumbai.
- (iii) Indian Board of Health Education and Research, Pune.

UGC has sent letters on 13th November, 2018 to Chief Secretaries/Education Secretaries/Principal Secretaries to the respective State/UT Governments for taking appropriate action against these fake Universities which are functioning/operating in the respective States.