



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2795

ANSWERED ON 22.08.2006

NEW COURSES BY DEEMED UNIVERSITIES

2795 Shri E.G. SUGAVANAM

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

- (a) whether certain problems are being faced by the deemed universities for getting UGC's nod for new courses;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a)to(c) : The University Grants Commission (UGC), has informed that keeping in view of the problems being faced by the deemed universities, the UGC has decided that institutions declared as `Deemed to be Universities` will be empowered to start degree courses covered under general education in sciences, social sciences and humanities and specified under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956, without any prior approval of the Commission, provided that such general courses of study are offered by them on a regular basis only through class-room teaching at their approved campus, subject to the condition that deemed universities would follow the UGC's Regulations issued from time to time in this regard.

UGC has further informed that in respect of professional courses to be offered by deemed universities through the conventional class-room mode at their approved campuses, no prior approval would be required if they are already on offer elsewhere, yet, the Institutes will be required to maintain the norms and standards laid down by the respective professional / statutory councils, and shall be open for verification by the UGC and the appropriate Council, as the case may be. The above said decisions have been communicated to deemed universities by the UGC vide its letter dated My 15,2006,



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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2894

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION BY DEEMED UNIVERSITIES

2894 Shri ASADUDDIN OWAI SI

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

- (a) whether there is no clear cut demarcation of responsibilities between UGC and AICTE over the deemed universities offering technical education;
- (b) if so, the main reasons therefor;
- (c) whether due to lack of joint inspection of the university by UGC and AICTE create problems for deemed universities offering technical education,
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken / being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) to (e): The Central Government, in exercise of its powers vested under Section 20(1) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 and Section 20(1) of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act, 1987, issued a directive to the UGC and the AICTE vide notification dated April 5, 2006, which, inter-alia, provides that while it is not mandatory for deemed to be universities to obtain prior approval of AICTE to start new courses / programmes, it is essential for them to maintain the minimum standards prescribed by the relevant statutory authority responsible for maintenance of standards of education in its field. It further states that in order to ensure the standards of education, the UGC and the AICTE may cause inspection of the deemed universities, in manner as prescribed in the rules/regulations of these statutory authorities, and the UGC shall take necessary action, if needed, on the basis of the inspection report.