

[Translation]

Fake Universities

1410. SHRI PANKAJ
CHOWDHARY:
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REDDY :

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

(a) the number and particulars of the fake universities that have come to the notice of the University Grants Commission and the Union Government recently ;

(b) whether such fake universities insert advertisements in newspapers offering award of degrees in various courses and also pose as open Universities ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Government have taken any effective measures to stop the functioning of such universities ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) : (KUMRISELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission, 25 fake universities were functioning in the country as on 30th June, 1994 in violation of UGC Act, 1956. A

list of these fake universities is given in the Statement attached.

(b) and (c) It has come to the notice of the Commission that the Bihariya Shiksha Parishad, U.P., Lucknow (Open Vishwavidyalaya), a fake institution is giving advertisements in the newspapers that it is conducting courses/examination under the open university system.

(d) and (e) The University Grants Commission, the Association of Indian Universities, and the MRTPC keep a watch on any fake university functioning in violation of the UGC Act, 1956. As soon as the existence of a fake university is brought to the notice of University Grants Commission by members of public, students, or their parents or any other agency, the relevant provisions of UGC Act are brought to the notice of the promoters/office-bearers of such self-styled/fake universities. They are advised to desist from the use of expression "University" and also to stop awarding degrees/diplomas. The concerned State Governments are also requested to conduct enquiries regarding the functioning of such fake universities. In addition, the UGC gives wide publicity to the list of fake universities every year to caution the students and parents about such institution.

If any case of bogus institution issuing fake degrees to students comes to the attention of M.R.T.P. Commission, the Commission initiates necessary action under the MRTP Act, 1969.

Government has already introduced an amendment Bill to UGC Act, 1956 in the Parliament in December, 1991. The amendment Bill provides for enhanced punitive provision in Section 24 for violating

provisions of Section 22 and 23 of the Act. Central Government has also requested State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to keep a strict vigil and to prosecute such institutions for violating UGC Act, 1956 and other Penal laws.

STATEMENT

*University Grants Commission
List Of Fake Universities As On 30-6-1994.*

1. Maithili University/
Vishwavidyalaya, Darbhanga,
Bihar.
2. Mahila Gram Vidyapith/
Vishwavidyalays (Women's
University), Prayag, Allahabad,
U.P.
3. Varanaseya Sanskrit
Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi, U.P.
4. Commercial University Ltd., Darya
Ganj, Delhi.
5. Testator Research University,
Bodinayakanur, Tamil Nadu.
6. Indian Education Council of U.P.,
Lucknow, U.P.
7. Gandhi Hindi Vidyapith, Prayag,
Allahabad, U.P.
8. National University of Electro
Complex Homeopathy, Kanpur,
U.P.
9. University New Jerusalem,
Kuthuparamba, Cannore, Kerala.
10. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
University (Open University).

11. Shrimati Mahadevi Verma Open
University, Mughal Sarai, U.P.
12. D.D.B. Sanskrit University, Putur,
Trichi, Tamil Nadu.
13. Bharatiya Siksha Parishad (U.P.)
Open Vishwavidyalaya, Lucknow,
U.P.
14. Arya University, Srinagar, J & K.
15. Bible University, Ambur (North
Arcot).
16. Eastern Orthodox University,
Ambur (North Arcot).
17. Globe University of Science,
Kumakortam, Tamil Nadu.
18. St. John's University, Kishanattam,
Kerala.
19. National University, Nagpur.
20. United Nations University, Delhi.
21. Vocational University, Delhi.
22. Uttar Pradesh Vishwavidyalaya,
Kosi Kalan, Mathura, U.P.
23. Maharana Pratap Shiksha Niketan
Vishwavidyalaya, Pratapgarh, U.P.
24. Raja Arabic University, Nagpur.
25. Urdu University, Motia Park,
Bhopal.

FCI Branches In U.P.

1411. DR. SAKSHIJI: Will the Minister
of FOOD be pleased to state: