

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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VAISAKHA SAKA WORLD CLASS UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to provide world class facilities in few Universities in the country on the line of Oxford and Harvard as reported in the Times of India dated December 22, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme prepared by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to provide special financial assistance at least to one University in each State to make it at par with the best Central Universities in terms of academic standards; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) & (b): As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC have three schemes namely (i) Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE), (ii) Centre with Potential for Excellence and (iii) Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE), with a view to promote quality and Excellence in selected universities/colleges and 9 Universities , 12 Centres and 97 Colleges have been selected under these schemes respectively.
- (c) & (d): The University Grants Commission(UGC) has included such a plan in its XIth plan proposal. It is proposed to develop one university in each State that does not have a Central University to a level of Central University.