

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

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MINORITY STATUS TO CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Central Universities which have been accorded minority status, State-wise;
- (b) the criteria for grant of minority status to the universities;
- (c) the details of facilities given to these universities;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to accord minority status to any university during the current year;
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): As per the existing set of circumstances, the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Uttar Pradesh is treated as a minority institution in terms of Sections 2(1) and 5(2) (c) of the AMU (Amendment) Act, 1981, though the issue has been agitated in the Courts at different points of time and Court has adjudicated to the contrary. Another Central University, namely, the Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi has been declared a 'minority educational institution' by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) and issue is sub-judice contesting the decision of NCMEI. As on date, both the above matters are sub-judice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the High Court of Delhi respectively.

(c): The minority educational institutions are exempted from providing reservation in employment and admission to SCs/ STs and OBCs. However, recently a Civil Misc. Writ Petition (CMWP) has been filed in the High Court of Allahabad by some petitioners praying, inter- alia, for direction commanding the respondents i.e. Union of India and AMU to provide the benefits of reservation in admission to the petitioners and other similarly situated students belonging to the SCs, STs and OBCs in all the courses of study run by the AMU since it is a Central University.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise in view of the (d) above.