

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

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STUDENTS UNION ELECTION IN BHU
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of holding students union election in the universities;
- (b) whether elections to the students union in Banaras Hindu University have not been conducted for a long time;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Students' Union elections are held primarily with a view to ensuring the participation of students in the various academic and co-curricular activities of the University, besides promoting the students' welfare and interest.
- (b) & (c): Provision of constitution of a Students' Council exists in the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) since 2007-08 as a students' representative body and last elections of Students' Council was held in 2011-12. Further, BHU notified elections of Students' Council for the academic session 2014-15 on 11th November 2014 and the process was scheduled to be completed by 27th November 2014. As informed by the University, the election process has, however, been suspended due to student agitation/ unrest.
- (d): The University has informed that it has agreed to assess the viability of Students' Union under direct mode of election.