

INVITES SUGGESTIONS ON

THE PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR PRACTICES IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES BILL, 2010

The Prohibition of Unfair Practices in Technical Educational Institutions, Medical Educational Institutions and Universities Bill, 2010 as introduced and pending in Lok Sabha has been referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development headed by **Shri Oscar Fernandes, MP, Rajya Sabha** for examination and report.

2. There has been an unprecedented growth in higher education in recent years, especially in technical and medical education mainly through private participation. Despite the National Policy of private 'not-for-profit' participation, commercialization of higher education continues unabated. Prompt and effective deterrent action is constrained in the absence of any Central law. The Bill seeks to provide for the prohibition of certain unfair practices such as charging of capitation fee and demanding donations for admitting students, not issuing receipts in respect of payments made by students, non-transparent and questionable admission processes, low quality delivery of education services and false claims of quality of such services through misleading advertisements, engagement of unqualified or ineligible teaching faculty, forcible withholding of certificates and other documents of students. The Bill aims to balance autonomy of higher education institutions with measures to protect the interests of students and others accessing higher education.

3. The Committee has decided to invite memoranda containing views/suggestions from individuals/organizations interested in the subject-matter of the Bill.

4. Those desirous of submitting memoranda to the Committee may send their written memoranda, either in English or Hindi, to **Shri J. Sundriyal, Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, 141, First Floor, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi- 110001. (Tel: 23034541 and Fax: 23793633) E-mail: sundrial@sansad.nic.in and rsc_hrd@sansad.nic.in** within fifteen days from the date of publication of this advertisement. Those who are willing to appear before the Committee

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for oral evidence besides submitting the memoranda may indicate so. However, the Committee's decision in this regard shall be final.

5. The memorandum submitted to the Committee would form part of the records of the Committee and would be treated as confidential and would enjoy privileges of the Committee.

6. The Bill has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 2, dated the 3rd May, 2010. Copies of the Bill can be had on written request to the above-mentioned Officer or can be downloaded from the official web-site of the Rajya Sabha (<http://rajyasabha.nic.in>) under the caption "Bills with the Committees".