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Dear Dr. Purandeswari,

This is with reference to your response to my Unstarred Question No. 725 of 05 August, 2011 relating to "Charges against Heads of Educational Institutions". A copy of the same is enclosed for your ready reference.

In response to part (a) of my question about whether tainted personnel were appointed as heads of national premiere educational institutions such as AICTE, MCI, UGC, NCTE, AMU and IGNOU, you have stated that no tainted personnel had been appointed in the above-mentioned posts, and also the following:

*"Before such appointments, the vigilance clearance in respect of officers, whose case is being considered, is obtained and **only those officers are considered for appointment who fulfill all prescribed criteria and who are clear from vigilance angle.**"*

I would like to draw your attention to some information that has been made available to my office (please see enclosed table and annexures), specifically with regard to the heads of AICTE and AMU who have allegedly been appointed despite vigilance enquiries against them for financial irregularities.

I believe this requires an urgent review and reassessment by your Ministry, and as you would agree, a response / clarification to me based on my Parliamentary Question on this issue.

Yours Sincerely,

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

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Enclosed : Table, List of Annexures and Actual Annexures



**Table : Information about Alleged Irregularities in the Appointment of Heads of National
Premiere Educational Institutions**

S. No.	Name of Institution / Head	Details of the Case
1.	<p>All Indian Council for Technical Education (AICTE)</p> <p><u>Headed by</u> : Prof. Ram Avtar Yadav (till 2009)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A vigilance enquiry was instituted against Prof. Ram Avtar Yadav for allegedly drawing a pension and a salary from two different government institutes for three years, before he became the head of AICTE. (<i>Annexure I</i>)• This case dates back to his tenure as Vice-Chairman AICTE, i.e., December 2007 – before being elevated to the position of Chairman AICTE.• Prof. Yadav was charged with claiming a monthly salary from AICTE even as he drew a monthly pension from the University of Delhi.• Under current laws, if a retired government servant was to take up a Government of India assignment, that person has to disclose pension details to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). This amount is deducted from the salary that the retired officer would draw from his new assignment.• Prof. Yadav deliberately concealed this information from the Ministry of HRD and continued to draw such salary and pension for three years.• On subsequent enquiry by the Vigilance Officer in the Ministry, Prof. Yadav returned a chunk of the pension to the University of Delhi (<i>Annexure II</i>).• No penal action taken against Prof. Yadav for deliberately concealing such information. He was, in fact, appointed Chairman of AICTE despite having committed such an act.• He was later suspended from the post of Chairman - AICTE in 2009 on corruption charges (<i>Annexure III</i>).
2.	<p><u>Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)</u></p> <p><u>Headed by</u> : Prof. P. K. Abdul Aziz (till date)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An enquiry was conducted by the Finance Inspection Wing, Government of Kerala in August 2006, to investigate financial irregularities in the Cochin University of Science & Technology (CUSAT), where Dr. P. K. Abdul Aziz was the Vice Chancellor.• The Report on the inspection conducted in this regard by the Finance Inspection Wing was forwarded by the Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala to the Registrar of CUSAT (<i>Annexure IV</i>).



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Report of the Finance Inspection Wing found <i>"that the V.C. has deliberately violated rules and regulations of the Government and he repeatedly violated the provisions laid down in the store purchase rule and Kerala Financial Code etc. The irregular actions of the VC and Syndicate have resulted huge financial burden to the State Exchequer."</i>• The Report further recommended <i>"Strict disciplinary action should be initiated against the VC, Dr. P. K. Abdul Aziz for his lapses. Decision may be taken at appropriate level."</i>• Despite this, he was appointed as Vice-Chancellor in AMU in June 2007.• In 2009, an independent enquiry conducted by Uttar Pradesh Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit) on corruption cases in AMU for the period 2008-09 (when Prof. Aziz was Vice Chancellor) found that <i>"there was complete collapse of financial management and the VC and Registrar instead of stopping frequently financial irregularity became part of this."</i> (Annexure V)• Further, a high-level inquiry by two retired Judges was ordered by President Pratibha Patil to probe the serious allegations of corruption against Prof. Aziz.• In July 2011, a CBI probe was ordered against Prof. Aziz on charges of alleged financial irregularities at AMU.• Despite a full-fledged CBI enquiry underway against him, and having been indicted by several Government agencies for malafide practices and financial irregularities, Prof. Aziz continues to head AMU.

In addition to the above, there have been several media reports about the heads of the other premiere educational institutions (such as MCI, IGNOU and NCTE) facing inquiries from Government agencies on account of corruption charges.



LIST OF ANNEXURES

Annexure	Description
I.	Article in Mint dated 16 December, 2007 titled "AICTE head faces salary questions."
II.	Article in Mint dated 28 March, 2008 titled "AICTE's Yadav gives back pension money."
III.	Article in Times of India dated 30 July, 2009 titled "Tainted AICTE Chief suspended"
IV.	Report on the Inspection conducted by the Finance Inspection Wing, Government of Kerala in August 2006, to investigate financial irregularities in the Cochin University of Science & Technology (CUSAT)
V.	Article in India Today dated 24 May, 2010 titled "AMU: Fish rots from head"
VI.	Article in the Hindu dated 26 July, 2011 titled "CBI probe ordered against AMU VC"