

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
BARRING OF M. PHIL DEGREE HOLDERS FROM TEACHING .

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that University Grants Commission (UGC) has barred M. Phil degree holders to teach in universities and degree colleges in 2009;
- (b) whether holders of the said degree were qualified to teach so far and they were engaged in the profession in a large number;
- (c) whether they have to lose their jobs after this direction; and
- (d) if so, the facts thereof and reasons for implementing the order issued on 1st June, 2009?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) to (d): The UGC has notified the University Grants Commission (Minimum qualifications required for the appointment and Career Advancement of teachers in Universities and Institutions affiliated to it) (3rd Amendment) Regulation 2009 , providing that qualifying the National Eligibility Test (NET) shall be the minimum eligibility for appointment as teacher with exemption provided to those who have obtained Ph.D degree in accordance with the standards and rigour detailed in the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil/ Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2009. The Regulations apply only prospectively and does not apply to regular appointments already made prior to the date of notification of the Regulations pertaining to NET as minimum eligibility i.e. 1st June 2009.

Quality of teaching in higher education is a matter of great concern. When the Pay Review Committee recommendations in respect of teachers in colleges and universities were taken up by the Central Government, the salaries and other allowances for teachers were approved to be higher than those for the Group "A" Civil Services, subject to the eligibility conditions for appointments to teaching positions being tightened. This step, inter-alia, would ensure that over time the best talent comes into the academic profession through a process of tightening entry and liberalizing pay and other incentives.