

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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CPCSEA registration of Universities

3410. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of universities which are running courses in Life Science and Zoology, are not registered with the Committee for the purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that all the establishments having facilities for animal dissection are registered with CPCSEA?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) & (b) The dissection and experimentation of animals in undergraduate and post graduate courses of Zoology and Life Sciences is banned by UGC. The Colleges/Universities conducting Life Science Courses and conducting experiments on laboratory animals are registered with CPCSEA.
- (c) The CPCSEA has been writing to UGC, MCI, PCI, and AICTE since May 2014 onwards for getting the establishments, coming under the purview of the above respective councils and conducting experiments on laboratory animals, to get registered with CPCSEA. A Public Notice was also published in the leading national dailies for awareness regarding registration with CPCSEA before conducting experiment/breeding/trading of laboratory animals. Further, letters have also been written to the nominees of CPCSEA and to the registrar of companies for asking the unregistered establishments conducting experiments on animals to get registered with CPCSEA. Funding agencies like DBT, DST, ICAR, ICMR and CSIR have also been requested to not extend financial assistance to those who are conducting research on animals without being registered with CPCSEA. Unregistered establishments which are found to be conducting animal related work are asked to immediately stop their work till the time they get registered with CPCSEA.
