

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

Lateral entry at Professor level

*286. **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of ***Education*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether University Grants Commission (UGC) is contemplating to allow lateral entry in teaching at Professor level without any PhD degree or NET in various Universities and degree colleges; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA
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SHEKHAR, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "LATERAL
ENTRY AT PROFESSOR LEVEL"**

(a) & (b): National Education Policy 2020 envisages greater collaboration between academia and industry for promoting holistic and multidisciplinary education with focus on creativity, innovation and employability. Such an initiative will not only bridge the gap between Higher Educational Institutions and industry but also enrich the curriculum and help students' employability. University Grants Commission, without affecting the sanctioned positions of the university, is exploring the possibilities of creating positions such as Professor of Practice based on their industrial experience. Such provisions already exist in IITs.
