

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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QUALITY OF RESEARCH IN HIGHER EDUCATION

814. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that UGC has admitted that the overall quality of University and College level research in the country is unsatisfactory and that often alarmingly poor;
- (b) what is the basis for such an assessment and what are the specific reasons for this sorry state;
- (c) the number of doctoral and post-doctoral degrees that have been approved in the last five years and do statistics indicate certain universities that appear to be too liberal or substandard;
- (d) what action has been taken against substandard institutions; and
- (e) what steps are being taken to improve quality and bring research to international standards?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): As per the information received from the University Grants Commission(UGC), an expert committee constituted in 2019 to promote and improve the quality of research in Indian universities/colleges observed that the overall quality of university and college level research in India needs improvement.

(c): As per the All India Survey on Higher Education Report the Ph. D. out-turn was 24171, 28779, 34400, 40813 and 38986 for the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively.

(d) & (e): For setting up a robust mechanism for developing and strengthening the research ecosystem within Universities and Colleges, aligned with the provisions of the National Education Policy -2020, the UGC has brought out Guidelines for the establishment of a Research and Development Cell in Higher Educational Institutions. UGC is also implementing

'Junior Research Fellowship for Science, Humanities and Social Sciences' for NET-JRF qualified candidates and has launched Dr. S.Radhakrishnan UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Dr.D.S.Kothari Research Grant for Newly Recruited Faculty Members, Research Grant for In-Service Faculty Members, Fellowship for Superannuated Faculty Members (Emeritus Fellowship) and Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child (SJS GC) schemes.
