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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE

176 **Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has introduced the concept of engaging 'Professor of Practice' in Universities/Colleges across the country including the State of Telangana;
- (b) if so, the reasons for introducing it;
- (c) the details of 'Professor of Practice' appointed in the Universities/Colleges across the country since its introduction;
- (d) whether Government had obtained feedback from the student community regarding benefits obtained/acquired by appointing 'Professor of Practice';
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (c): The National Education Policy 2020 seeks to transform higher education by focusing on skill-based education to meet the needs of the industry and the economy. Further, the NEP also recommends integrating vocational education with general education and strengthening industry-academia collaboration in Higher Education Institutes (HEIs). Towards this, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has taken a new initiative to bring the industry and other professional expertise into the academic institutions through a new category of positions called "Professor of Practice".

In order to bring in distinguished experts from various fields of engineering, science, technology, entrepreneurship etc. and to develop courses and curriculum to

meet the industry and societal needs and to enable the HEIs to work with industry experts on joint research project concept of Professor of Practice has been adopted. HEIs can engage a Professor of Practice as per their requirement. The requirements vary from a few hours in a week/month to a longer period. Accordingly, UGC notified guidelines on 30.09.2022 for “engaging” Professor of Practice in HEIs.

The details of ‘Professor of Practice’ appointed in the Universities/Colleges across the country is given below:-

Sr. No.		
1.	Number of Professor of Practice appointed in the Universities	15325
2.	Number of Professor of Practice appointed in the Colleges	2444
3.	Number of Professor of Practice appointed in IITs	80

(d) to (f): To take up the task of implementing the various initiatives under the NEP 2020 at the grassroots level, a series of conferences on “Implementation of NEP 2020” has been organised in the five identified zones. UGC has also been propagating the details of various initiatives through social media, conducting online meetings with stakeholders to ensure that the reforms reach the beneficiaries. The feedback received through the stakeholders is considered in the process of assessment review, and formulation of further action plan for implementation of various initiatives.
