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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) recommended for admissions twice a year for the aspiring students in Indian Universities and higher educational institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether semester examinations will also be increased to match with the admission period; and
- (d) the number of Central Universities and higher educational institutions that have adopted the practice of offering admissions twice a year, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d): As per the information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), it has approved the policy of allowing Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to admit students twice a year, in July/August and January/February. However, admitting students twice a year is optional for the HEIs, depending on their preparedness to handle such biannual admissions. The willing HEIs are required to carefully prepare a plan for all the activities related to the policy of admitting the students twice a year, including a plan for semester examinations.

The UGC has issued a public notice on 19.06.2024 regarding biannual admissions in Higher Educational Institutions which is available at https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/4864668_Biannual-Admission-HEI.pdf

Further, as per information available with UGC, six Central Universities namely (i) Central University of Kerala, (ii) Central University of Punjab, (iii) Central University of Rajasthan, (iv) University of Hyderabad, (v) Tezpur University and (vi) Nagaland University have adopted the policy of offering admissions twice a year.
