

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2124**  
ANSWERED ON 19/03/2025

**Quality of PhD Research**

2124 **Dr. Ajeet Madhavrao Gopchade:**

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) initiated a review of PhD programs in Central, State and Private Universities, if so, what are the findings and subsequent actions from this review;
- (b) the measures the UGC has implemented to improve the quality of PhD research to ensure it contributes to national development;
- (c) the reasons UGC is not considering to revoke PhD degrees obtained through fraudulent means and pursuing criminal charges against those involved; and
- (d) whether the UGC is contemplating awarding recognition to PhD research that significantly benefits the nation?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (d): As per the information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), the data submitted by the Central, State, and Private Universities with regard to offering/award of Ph.D degrees was scrutinized/screened by an Expert Committee constituted by UGC. Subsequently, the Commission decided to debar OPJS University, Churu, Rajasthan; Sunrise University, Alwar, Rajasthan; Singhania University, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan and Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University, Chudela, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan from offering Ph.D degrees for the next five years i.e. from the academic year 2025-26 to 2029-30. UGC has issued public notices in this regard.

Further, to promote good quality research in Indian Universities, the UGC has instituted the "PhD Excellence Citation" to identify and felicitate research scholars, annually, whose Ph.D. theses made significant contributions to knowledge creation. These guidelines are available at [https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/1797652\\_Guidelines-for-PhD-Excellence-Citation.pdf](https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/1797652_Guidelines-for-PhD-Excellence-Citation.pdf) .