

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3533**  
ANSWERED ON 02/04/2025

**Discontinuation of UGC-CARE List**

3533 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) the details of the reasons for the discontinuation of the UGC Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (UGC-CARE) list;
- (b) whether Government has laid out any plan to ensure academic integrity and quality research in its absence;
- (c) whether any consultation with the student and research communities were conducted before the decision of discontinuing the UGC-CARE list;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government considers establishing an independent oversight body to monitor the quality of academic journals and prevent inconsistencies in evaluation processes across institutions?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): As per information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), it constituted an Expert Committee to review the UGC-Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (UGC-CARE) scheme with the objective of decentralizing the UGC-CARE model and empowering Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) towards encouraging the faculty to publish their work in the best global journals. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee, UGC has decided to discontinue the CARE scheme.

Further, for prescribing suggestive parameters for choosing peer-reviewed journals suitable to the specific needs of HEIs, depending on their respective disciplines, UGC has placed the suggestive parameters, developed by the experts and academicians in the public domain for feedback up to 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.

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