

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5773  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017

**UGC Notification on M.Phil/Ph.D**

5773. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulation, 2016 notification with regard to M.Phil and Ph.D admissions is being protested by the students' unions of various universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the students' union has requested the UGC for roll back of the notification as it is becoming detrimental to the students prospects, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has intimated that there were a few protests by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi Student Union on certain provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil / Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2016. The Student Union of JNU also requested UGC for deferment / roll back of certain provisions in the UGC Regulations, 2016.

As per the UGC Act, 1956, the UGC is responsible for promotion and co-ordination of University education, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in Universities. In order to maintain the quality of Research and to avoid sub-standard research degrees, UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 have been notified. The UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016, inter-alia, lays down detailed eligibility criteria for admission into M.Phil/Ph.D programme, duration of such programme, procedure of admission, allocation of research supervisor, course work requirement, setting up of Research Advisory Committee etc. to provide a facilitative environment for carrying out quality academic research in Higher Education. These Regulations are mandatory in nature and are applicable to all Universities.

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