

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 314  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

**Performance of Central Universities**

**314. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

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

- (a) the details of Central Universities presently functioning in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of the Central Universities on various parameters like content, quality, research, innovation, faculty development and affirmative action;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the details of the directives issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for implementation of reservation policy for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in academic and non-academic posts in the Central Universities and the extent to which they have been implemented; and
- (d) the concrete steps being taken by the Government to improve the performance of the Central Universities in the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
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- (a) At present, there are 41 Central Universities under the purview of this Ministry.
- (b) & (c) :Issues relating to improvement of quality of education, promoting research and innovation, faculty development, collaboration with the industry and research laboratories, effective use of technology in teaching-learning process, mandatory accreditation, etc. are periodically reviewed with Vice Chancellors of Central Universities by UGC and Minister.

As regards implementation of reservation policy in Central Universities, University Grants Commission (UGC) issues instructions from time to time to all Central Universities for :

- i) Implementation of SC/ST/PWD/OBC Reservation Policy of the Govt./UGC
- ii) Display of reservation roster on University website and
- iii) Filling up of remaining identified reserved vacancies of these categories in teaching and non-teaching posts.
- (iv) While releasing the grant to CUs, it is mentioned in all sanction letters from time to time with regard to reservation of SC/ST/OBC/PwD posts and fill up the backlog vacancies.

The guidelines issued by UGC in this regard are followed by the Central Universities.

(d): Improvement in the performance of Central Universities is an on-going process. The schemes and programmes introduced by the UGC for the improvement of quality in the Central Universities include:-

- i) Introduction of Semester System,
- ii) Periodic updation of curriculum
- iii) Introduction of choice-based credit system,
- iv) Prescription of minimum qualification for appointment of teachers and other academic staff,
- v) Better pay scale and promotional avenues to teachers of the Central Universities to attract young talent into teaching profession
- vi) Introduction of mandatory assessment and accreditation
- vii) Establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell,
- viii) Introduction of Faculty Recharge programme to augment research and teaching resources,
- ix) Financial support under the scheme of University with Potential for Excellence.

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