

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 337
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

Institutions of Eminence

337. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has rolled out an application process for Universities and higher education institutes, public or private seeking “institutions of eminence” status;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the extent to which the scheme would help higher education institutions to break into top global rankings?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued / notified enabling regulatory architecture in the form of UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017 and UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 to enable 10 public and 10 private Institutions to emerge as World Class Teaching and Research Institutions. Applications were invited by UGC from the eligible Public & Private Institutions/Sponsoring Organisations for becoming ‘Institutions of Eminence’, for which the last date was 12.12.2017.

These IoEs will have freedom to choose their own path to become world class institutions for which greater autonomy like to admit foreign students up to 30% of admitted students; to recruit foreign faculty upto 25% of faculty strength; to offer online courses upto 20% of its programmes; to enter into academic collaboration with top 500 in the world ranking Institutions without permission of UGC; free to fix and charge fees from foreign students without restriction; flexibility of course structure in terms of number of credit hours and years to take a degree; complete flexibility in fixing of curriculum and syllabus, etc. shall be provided. It is expected that IoEs will come up in top 500 of the world ranking in ten years time and in top 100 eventually overtime.
