

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

**LOK SABHA**  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*485  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

**Centres of Educational Excellence**

**\*485. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any criteria and standards for Centres of Educational Excellence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of Centres of Educational Excellence; and
- (c) the manner in which such Centres are established along with the body/ authority mandated to run them?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
**(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*485 FOR 02.04.2018 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF  
PARLIAMENT SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY REGARDING CENTRES OF EDUCATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE**

(a) to (c): No, Madam. There is no proposal for setting up 'Centres of Educational Excellence'. However, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued / notified a regulatory architecture in the form of UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017 for public Institutions and UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 for private Institutions to enable 10 public and 10 private Institutions to emerge as World Class Teaching and Research Institutions named as 'Institutions of Eminence' (IoEs).

The selection shall be made through challenge method mode by Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) constituted for the purpose. The EEC shall conduct its appraisal based on the fifteen year strategic vision plan as well as a five year implementation plan submitted by the applicant as well as any other measure of demonstrated commitment to the cause of developing an Institution of Eminence. The EEC shall engage with the Institutions to study their proposals, hear presentations and after a thorough scrutiny, rank the Institutions for their suitability for inclusion in this scheme. The recommendations of EEC shall be submitted to the Commission, which shall forward it to the Government for selection of Institutions of Eminence.

Applications from private sector as well as public sector have been received for selection of Institutions of Eminence.

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