

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1458  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018**

**World Class Universities**

†**1458. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government had announced to establish 20 World Class Universities in the country in the Budget for the year 2016; and
- (b) if so, the details of the Universities included in this category along with the procedure followed for their selection as World Class University?

**ANSWER  
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(a) Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech 2016 has announced the following:

*"It is our commitment to empower Higher Educational Institutions to help them become world class teaching and research institutions. An enabling regulatory architecture will be provided to ten public and ten private institutions to emerge as world-class Teaching and Research Institutions. This will enhance affordable access to high quality education for ordinary Indians. A detailed scheme will be formulated."*

As per the above announcement, the University Grants Commission (UGC) with the approval of Government has formulated an enabling regulatory architecture for upgrading / setting up of twenty Higher Educational Institutions as World Class Teaching and Research Institutions. These Institutions shall be called as Institutions of Eminence (IoE). Enabling Regulatory Architecture has been provided in the form of "UGC (Declaration of Govt. Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017" for public Institutions and UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 for private Institution.

(b) All Higher Educational Institutions in the country and Sponsoring Organisations willing to set up Institutions of Eminence are eligible to apply for IoE subject to the eligibility conditions mentioned in the UGC Guidelines and Regulations. The selection of Institutions as IoE shall be made through challenge method by Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) constituted for the purpose. We have received 114 applications which shows desire to excel.

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