

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1459  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018**

**Gian Yojana**

**†1459. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is not able to find quality faculty of the higher professional educational institutes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government endeavours to make up the shortage of teachers through Gian Yojana being run by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount of funds spent on this scheme by the Government?

**A N S W E R**

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

(a) to (d): No, Madam, However, with an aim at tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs internationally to encourage their engagement with the institutes of higher education in India so as to augment the country's existing academic resources, accelerate the pace of quality reform, and elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence, the Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) programme was launched on 30th November, 2015.

Under the GIAN scheme, the international faculty is invited to conduct a very short term course of one or two weeks at an Indian institution. This enables a highly productive interaction of students and faculty with the best academic and industry experts from across the nations. This also helps in initiating research collaborations between host institutions and foreign experts and to develop international entrepreneurship programmes by making the curriculum more industry oriented for better employability.

(e): So far, a total of Rs. 80 crore has been released under the scheme since its inception during the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.

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