

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1521
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018**

Higher Education System

**1521. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any process to engage foreign talent in Higher Education System in recent past and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the panel has been set up in this regard;
- (c) the details of the criteria, academic qualifications and time frame fixed for the purpose; and
- (d) the details of the benefits which are likely to be extended to Purnia of Bihar and Ambedkar Nagar of Uttar Pradesh?

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) to (d): A scheme named Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) was launched in 2015. Under the scheme, the international faculty is invited to conduct a very short term course of one or two weeks at an Indian institution. As on date, 1417 courses have been approved and out of these, 1037 have been conducted in 138 host institutions including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Further, University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for grant of graded autonomy] Regulations, 2018 on 12.02.2018. Under this, the Universities can hire foreign faculty, up to 20% over and above their total sanctioned strength, from any institution appearing in top 500 of any world renowned rankings frameworks such as the Times Higher Education World University Rankings or the QS Rankings.
