

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2603
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

Institutions of Eminence

2603. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning for setting up of institutions of eminence under which ten public and ten private universities would be selected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the education reforms underway would receive big boost in the years to come; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (b): Yes Madam. University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued / notified enabling regulatory architecture in the form of UGC (Declaration of Govt. 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 named as 'Institutions of Eminence' (IoEs).

As per the Guidelines and Regulations applications for Institutions of Eminence was called for and in response 114 applications have been received. An Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) has been constituted for selection of Institutions of Eminence.

(c) to (d): Under this scheme, the selected IoEs will have freedom to choose their own path to become world class institutions and greater autonomy like to admit foreign students upto 30% of admitted students, freedom to recruit foreign faculty; to offer online courses upto 20% of its programmes; to enter into academic collaboration with top 500 institution in the world ranking without permission of UGC; freedom 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. has been provided. Further, each public Institution selected as IoE shall be provided financial assistance upto Rupees 1000 Crore over a period of five years.

It is expected IoEs will come up in top 500 of the world ranking in ten years time and in top 100 eventually overtime. This will improve the general level of education of the country and will enable students to get world class education at an affordable rate within the country.
