

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1080  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018**

**Foreign Faculty Recruitment**

1080. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision to waive all prior security clearance requirements for foreign faculty recruitment across higher educational institutes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for increasing Global Ranking of Indian Institutions/Universities?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The issue regarding liberalizing norms for appointment of foreign faculty has been taken up with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The issue was further discussed in a meeting with the officers of the MHA and MEA pursuant to which MHA clarified that its prior approval is required only when the faculty proposed to be appointed is from Prior Reference Category Countries (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Sudan, Foreigners of Pakistani origin, and Stateless persons) and those required to visit restricted areas in India. MEA clarified that no prior approval from them will be required as necessary due diligence will be done at the time of granting employment visa by the respective Missions. MHA has also allowed appointment of OCI Card holders as teaching faculty in Indian Higher Educational Institutions including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Central Universities (CUs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs).

The Government is continuously striving to improve the ranking of Indian Universities and Institutions by providing budgetary support for improving their academic infrastructure, policy interventions such as Study in India Programme (SIP) for increasing strength of foreign students, Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) for research collaboration with best Institutions across the world, Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) inviting foreign faculty to teach courses, Scheme of Institutions of Eminence to create world class infrastructure as well as to give greater autonomy to the Institutions. In addition, Start-up India Initiatives in Higher Educational Institutions (SIIHEI) seeking to set up Research Parks for industry-academia collaboration, Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT) and Uchatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY) focussing research for the purpose of developing socially relevant and industry-specific technologies in identified domains have been launched to improve overall research eco-system in our educational institutions.

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