

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2234  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018

**Gandhian Chairs**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to activate the non-operational Gandhian Chairs/Institutes in the Universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): In order to enrich the academic resources of the University system, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has formulated a scheme for establishment of Chairs in Universities in the name of Nobel Laureates, illustrious persons and persons of eminence in the areas of their outstanding contributions. Mahatma Gandhi Chair is one of the Chairs approved by the UGC in the subjects/areas of peace and non-violence; freedom movement and National integration.

Further, to promote the study and research on Gandhian Philosophy, several steps have been initiated. As informed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), 139 Gandhian Study Centres are active in various Universities and Colleges and three Central Universities have Departments on Gandhian Studies.

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