

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.131
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019

Sexual Harassment in Educational Institutions

131. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that sexual harassment of women lecturers, professors and research scholars at the hands of the academic heads of departments, professors and lecturers in educational institutions is on the rise across the country;
- (b) if so, the total number and other details of cases of sexual harassment in educational institutions registered during the last three years;
- (c) whether any prominent heads of departments, professors and lecturers are involved in such episodes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether all Central Universities in the country have in-house committees on Sexual Harassment and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (c): Available information does not suggest rise in sexual harassment cases.

(d): According to University Grants Commission (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2015, it is mandatory for all the Central Universities to ensure that the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) is constituted. These instructions are followed up for compliance.
