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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019

List of UGC Journals

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

- (a) whether the list of University Grants Commission (UGC) of journals was full of errors and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) of many journals removed from UGC's list does not matching the actual ISSN;
- (c) if so, whether the instances of factual errors hit the credibility of the list itself; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the UGC in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d): UGC has addressed the problem of predatory and sub-standard journals claiming to publish scholarly articles. Accordingly, the Standing Committee of UGC on notification of journals has been constituted which, after due verification, has removed 4102 substandard journals. UGC currently recognizes only the following categories of academic journals:

- (i) Journals indexed in Web of Science or Scopus
- (ii) Journals recommend by the Standing Committee and Language Committee – suggested by experts primarily in the field of languages
- (iii) Journals recommended by Universities

In order to refine and strengthen the procedure for inclusion of journals in the discipline of Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages, Arts, Culture, Indian Knowledge systems etc., UGC has decided to establish a Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (CARE). A public notice in this regard has been issued by UGC on 28.11.2018.

The UGC's Standing Committee on Notification of Journals has decided that the recommendation portal will now be opened once every year and the universities will be asked to recommend journals. Further, from this year onwards, every recommendation

submitted by the universities will be re-verified under the supervision of Standing Committee on Notification of journals, to ascertain that only good-quality journals are included in the UGC-approved List with correct publication details.
