

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.4596
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019

UGC New Initiative – STRIDE

4596. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved a new initiative – Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) to boost research culture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with its objectives/salient features;

(c) whether the scheme will strengthen research culture and innovation in colleges and Universities and if so, the details thereof along with the areas identified for funding under STRIDE;

(d) the schemes being implemented by UGC, with a view to encourage research and development in the country; and

(e) whether NITI Aayog has recommended for restructuring of the UGC and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved the Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) to boost research culture in the country.

STRIDE provides support to research projects that are socially relevant, locally need-based, nationally important and globally significant. The scheme supports research capacity building as well as basic, applied and transformational action research that can contribute to national priorities with focus on inclusive human development. It also provides creation, development and integration of new ideas, concepts and practices for public benefit and

strengthening the society. The focus on Humanities and Human Sciences provides to boost quality research on Indian languages and knowledge systems.

(d): With the view to encourage research and development in the country, the UGC has various schemes namely: BSR Faculty Fellowship, Emeritus Fellowship, Dr S. Radhakrishnan Post Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities (scheme initiated in 2015-16), Dr D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship, Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST, Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women, Junior Research Fellowship in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Basic Science Research Fellowship, Swami Vivekananda for Single Girl Child fellowship for Research, Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students (Scheme entrusted & funded by Ministry of Minority Affairs), National Fellowship for Students of Other Backward Classes (OBC) (Scheme entrusted & funded by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment), National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (Scheme entrusted & funded by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment), Special Assistance Programme, Major Research Project and Minor Research Project.

(e): NITI Aayog has recommended to replace the existing regulatory bodies with a single apex regulator.
