

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4692  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2019

**Vision of EQUIP**

†4692. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalized and released a five year Vision Plan named Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if so, the composition and focus areas of the 10 Groups formulated to transform the higher education sector;
- (c) the goals set by the Groups for higher education sector;
- (d) whether the Groups have recommended modalities for implementation, investments and timelines and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the recommendations of the Group will be implemented; and
- (e) the steps taken to implement an innovative and transformational approach from primary to higher education level to make the Indian educational system more relevant and competitive globally?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): The Government has received recommendations of 10 Experts Groups under Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP) on 10 focus areas of higher education namely (i) Strategies for expanding access, (ii) Towards global best teaching/learning process, (iii) Promoting excellence, (iv) Governance reforms, (v) Assessment, Accreditation & Ranking systems, (vi) Promotion of research & innovation,

(vii) Employability & Entrepreneurship, (viii) Using Technology for better reach, (ix) Internationalisation of Higher Education and (x) Financing higher education.

The recommendations have been sent to State Governments and other related departments of Government of India for suggestions and comments. The Government has not taken a final decision on the recommendations, their likely financial implications and source of funding.

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