

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1921
ANSWERED ON 13/03/2023

Allegations of Plagiarism

1921. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the allegations of plagiarism and fundamental errors raised against the dissertation submitted by the Kerala State Youth Commission Chairperson, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the University authorities, including the Vice-Chancellor, are responsible for quality control in the process leading to the award of Ph.D. degrees, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed that different Universities in the country follow different mechanisms to check the authenticity of the Ph.D. dissertation submissions, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has planned a slew of measures such as mandatory use of credible anti-plagiarism software for evaluating Ph.D.s, & assessment and accreditation of higher education institutions by third-party agencies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a): According to the information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), no such details are available with them.

(b) to (e): To put a check on plagiarism and to recommend some institutional mechanism to eliminate the scope of this menace in higher education system in the country, UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018 have been notified. These Regulations are available at https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/7771545_academic-integrity-Regulation2018.pdf.

Further, UGC has also notified the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022. These Regulations are available at https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/0909572_Minimum-Standards-and-Procedure-for-Award-of-PhD-Degree.pdf?_gl=1*1vi3m79*_ga*MTAxMzI2ODMwNC4xNjc4MzYxNTM0*_ga_FGHYECNLXB*MTY3ODM2NjkwNy4yLjEuMTY3ODM2NzEyOC4wLjAuMA.. These Regulations inter-alia provide for the Higher Education Institutions to have a mechanism using well defined software applications to detect Plagiarism in research work and the research integrity shall be an integral part of all the research activities leading to the award of a Ph.D. degree.

