

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 4287
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SUBJECT EXPERTS AS PROFESSORS

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to make the subject experts Professors in the Universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The minimum eligibility criteria for the post of Professor in a University is laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in UGC Regulation on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers & Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018.

An eminent scholar with a Ph.D. degree in the concerned/ allied/ relevant discipline having ten years of teaching and/ or research experience in university/ college, along with a minimum 10 research publications and total research score of 120, is eligible for the post of Professor in a University. In addition, an outstanding professional, with a Ph.D. degree in the relevant/ allied/ applied disciplines, from any academic institutions/ industry, who has made significant contribution to the knowledge in the concerned/ allied/ relevant discipline, supported by documentary evidence provided he/she has ten years' experience is also eligible for the post of Professor in a University.

UGC has also taken a new initiative to bring the industry experts and other professionals into the academic institutions through a new category of positions called "Professor of Practice". UGC has published guidelines for engaging Professor of Practice in Universities and colleges. Distinguished experts who have made remarkable contributions and proven expertise in their specific profession or role with at least 15 years of service/experience, preferably at a senior level, will be eligible for Professor of Practice.