

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5105**  
ANSWERED ON- 03/04/2023

**LATERAL ENTRY AT PROFESSOR LEVEL**

**5105. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) is contemplating to allow lateral entry in teaching at Professor level without any PhD degree or without qualifying National Eligibility Test (NET) in various universities and degree colleges; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): National Education Policy 2020 envisages greater collaboration between academia and industry for promoting holistic and multidisciplinary education with focus on creativity, innovation and employability. Such an initiative will not only bridge the gap between Higher Educational Institutions and industry but also enrich the curriculum and help students' employability. University Grants Commission (UGC) has taken an 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.

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