

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-2421
ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2023

UGC REGULATIONS FOR FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES CAMPUS IN INDIA

2421. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has notified the regulations for Foreign Universities that plan to set up campuses in india;

(b) whether the degrees offered by Foreign Universities will be accepted by the University Grants Commission;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission will consider the issue of equivalence for the degree offered by the Foreign Institutions;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the regulations gazetted on 8.11.2023 stipulate that there shall be no further requirement of seeking equivalence and the degree shall have all benefits, rights and privileges as obtained in case of a degree awarded by an Indian Higher Education Institution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023 dated 07.11.2023.

(b) to (e): The provisions of these regulations inter-alia provide that the qualifications awarded by a Foreign Higher Educational Institution under the regulations shall be equivalent to any corresponding degree awarded by Indian Higher Educational Institutions for all purposes including higher education and employment. It is further stipulated that there shall be no further requirement of seeking equivalence from any authority and the degree shall have all benefits, rights, and privileges as obtained in the case of a degree awarded by an Indian Higher Educational Institution ordinarily.

These Regulations are available at
<https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/Setting%20up%20and%20Operation%20of%20Campuses%20of%20Foreign%20Higher%20Educational%20Institutions%20in%20India.pdf> .
