

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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ANSWERED ON 17/03/2025

Equal Opportunity Cells

2702. Dr. Prashant Yadaorao Padole:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains data on the constitution of Equal Opportunity Cells as per the Equity Regulations of 2012 and if so, the State-wise details of colleges that have created such cells and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Equal Opportunity Cells have been constituted in Central Universities and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government maintains data on instances of caste-based violence on campuses and if so, the college-wise or campus-wise details of such incidents in Central Universities during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): As informed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), it does not centrally maintain the caste-based discrimination data. The Central Universities are autonomous bodies, established by Acts of Parliament and have their Statutory Bodies and various mechanisms to address all academic and administrative matters at their level. Further, the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 prescribes that the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) shall promote equality among all sections of the students without prejudice to their belonging to any social group and for this purpose they shall establish an Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC). UGC has requested HEIs to establish EOC and Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe Cell to ensure the effective and transparent redressal of grievances of the disadvantaged groups.

As per available information with UGC, all the Central Universities under its purview have constituted Equal Opportunity cells.

The State-wise details of colleges that have established Equal Opportunity Cell is at the Link https://www.ugc.gov.in/Content/upload/Parliamnet//0812321_State-wise-list-of-Colleges-established-EOC.pdf .
