GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2448 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.05.2016

Delay in Granting Degrees

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Students are keenly waiting for convocation in Universities across the country;
- (b) if so, the steps likely to be taken by the Government for this purpose and to avoid delay by Universities in conducting convocation ceremonies;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that students are not given jobs as they are not given degree certificates and other credentials in time by the Universities;
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that students get their degrees at the earliest along with the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the information with the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that as and when representations regarding delay in convocation of universities are received by the UGC, the same are forwarded by it to the institution concerned for resolution.

The UGC has notified the UGC (Grant of degrees and other Awards by Universities) Regulations, 2008 under which the Degree award date/s shall be within 180 days of the date/s by which the students are expected to qualify and become eligible for them; the University shall notify a programme for Degree awards at least 30 days before the date/s so fixed, so that the candidates can apply for the same; the University shall hold a convocation or follow any other method on the date/s so fixed, to

confer the Degrees and other awards to eligible students; and if for any reason the convocation is not held, the university shall only give away the Degrees and other awards to the eligible applicants at this time.

The regulations are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/regulations /regulation awarddegree.pdf .
