

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No.11
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022

Delay in release of Funds to Colleges of Delhi University

*11. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the financial crisis in some colleges of University of Delhi due to delay in release of funds by the Delhi Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has directed to Delhi Government to ensure release of pending funds to colleges of University of Delhi, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure financial autonomy of colleges in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 11 FOR 18.07.2022 ASKED BY SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING DELAY IN RELEASE OF FUNDS TO COLLEGES OF DELHI UNIVERSITY.

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that University of Delhi has 91 Constituent/affiliated Colleges, out of which UGC provides Revenue Grants to 53 Delhi Colleges only. 12 Delhi Colleges are fully funded by the Government of NCT of Delhi and the remaining 26 colleges receive funds from other sources.

The UGC has released grants amounting to ₹ 2134.54 cr., ₹ 2446.83 cr. and ₹ 590.51 cr. during the Financial Years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 (upto June, 2022) respectively to the 53 Delhi Colleges funded by UGC.

A representation was received in the Ministry from all the twelve Principals of DU Colleges, fully funded by the Government of NCT of Delhi, regarding the hardships to the staff members and pensioners due to non-release of Grants in Aid. The same was forwarded to the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of NCT of Delhi for taking necessary action in the matter. The UGC has further informed that the University of Delhi has also communicated that it has received representations from staff of 12 colleges regarding delay in release of funds by the Government of NCT of Delhi. The University of Delhi has written to the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of NCT of Delhi for timely release of grants to the Colleges for salary and other expenses.

The University of Delhi has informed that the Government of NCT of Delhi has also been releasing grants to the 12 Colleges fully funded by them, albeit delayed.

(c): The University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018 have been notified on 12th February, 2018 on the guiding principle that college autonomy is instrumental for promoting broad based quality education and excellence. Under the provisions of these Regulations the Autonomous Colleges can fix fees of the courses at their own level and have also been exempted from paying affiliation fee to the parent University every year.
