

UGC for the post of Lecturer are given in the Annexure.

(c) Thirty three out of thirty six Research Associates possess Master's degree with second class.

Statement

Minimum qualifications prescribed for recruitment to the posts of University Lecturers

(a) A Doctor's degree or research work of an equally high standard; and

(b) consistently good academic record with 1st or high 2nd class (B in the seven point scale) Master's degree in a relevant subject or an equivalent degree of a foreign university. Having regard to the need for developing inter-disciplinary programmes, the degrees in (a) and (b) above may be in relevant subjects.

Provided that if the Selection Committee is of the view that the research work of a candidate as evident either from his thesis or from his published work is of very high standard, it may relax any of the qualifications prescribed in (b) above.

Provided further that if a candidate possessing a Doctor's degree or equivalent research work is not available or is not considered suitable, a person possessing a consistently good academic record (weightage being given to M. Phil. or equivalent degree or research work of quality) may be appointed provided he has done research work for at least two years or has practical experience in a research laboratory/organisation on the condition that he will have to obtain a Doctor's degree or given evidence of research work of equivalent high standard within five years of his appointment, failing which he will not be able to earn future increments until he fulfils these requirements.

Low price for inferior quality of Jute

6427. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agricultural Prices Commission has before it a proposal to recommend the statutory minimum prices of raw jute in such a way that growers have a distinct disincentive in producing the inferior grades of fibre.

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands;

(c) whether there is abundant availability of low grade fibre while the better varieties remain perennially in short supply; and

(d) if so, how Government propose to eliminate low grade jute production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Agricultural Prices Commission did not receive any such proposal for the consideration.

(c) A large portion of jute growing regions in the country suffers from inadequate retting facilities which contributes to the poor quality of fibre and consequently better qualities of fibre are reported to be in short supply.

(d) Government is making efforts to promote the production of better quality jute fibre through the extension of facilities for retting and encouraging the cultivation of superior varieties.

Position of SC/ST in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

6428. SHRI R. R. BHOLE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4566 on the 26th