

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:598
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NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission has formulated a scheme, whereby centers of studies in any university can apply for recognition as "National Centres of Excellence in Higher Education";
- (b) if so, the details indicating the criteria and objectives thereof;
- (c) whether any special funding is given to such centers by the UGC;
- (d) if so, the details thereof? and
- (e) the number of such centres receiving funds from the UGC presently, university wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 598 DATE 7.5.2002 ASKED BY PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU REGARDING NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

(a) & (b) : According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission considers the proposals from various universities for granting the status of "Universities with potential for excellence". The purpose of the scheme is to develop Centres of excellence in identified areas in universities which is in keeping with the goals of Ministry of HRD. The final decision to grant the status is taken by UGC on the basis of the recommendations of an expert committee constituted for this purpose. The expert committee prepares its recommendation after examining the responses to a detailed UGC questionnaire and after a detailed presentation is made before the Committee by the universities.

(c) to (e) : So far 17 universities have been accorded the status of "Universities with potential for excellence". A statement showing the details of financial assistance provided to these 17 universities is enclosed as Annexure.

Annexure

Details of financial assistance provided to various universities selected under the UGC's Scheme "Universities with potential for excellence"

S.No	Name of the University	Area of Specification	Rupees in Crores
1.	Jadavpur University	Mobil Computing & Communication	10.00
2.	Jawahar Lal University	Nehru Genetics & Bio Technology	10.00
3.	Hyderabad University	Interface studies and research	10.00
4.	Madras University	Harbal Sciences	10.00
5.	Pune University	Bio Informatics & Bio Technology	10.00

6.	Punjab University, Biomedical Chandigarh	Sciences	5.00
7	Guru Nanak Dev University	Sport Sciences	5.00
8	Cochin University of Laser Science & Technology, Kochi	Optoelectronic Sciences	& 5.00
9	Madurai University	Kamaraj Genomic Sciences	5.00
10.	Himachal University, Simla	Pradesh Himalayan Studies	5.00
11.	Sardar Patel University	Applied Polymers	5.00
12.	Allahabad University	Behavioural Cognitive Sciences	& 5.00
13.	Karnatak University	Polymer Science	5.00
14.	Anna University	Environmental Sciences	5.00
15.	Arunachal University	Biodiversity	3.00
16.	Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati	Traditional Shastras	3.00
17.	Devi Ahilya University, Indore	E-Management Studies	3.00