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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has instructed/directed all the universities and colleges to have an internal assurance cell, to improve the quality of higher education being imparted in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve standard of education in colleges and universities, in consultation with the State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): According to information provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), a decision has been taken to direct all universities and colleges recognized under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and declared fit to receive grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act to establish Internal Quality Assurance Cells (IQACs) for which one-time seed financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh per university and Rs. 3 lakhs for college has been provided to meet the expenditure involved in establishment of the IQACs. The IQACs would act as an internal motivator for obtaining quality in institutional systems and processes in the University.

(c): Improvement of quality of higher education is a continuous process. A substantial increase in Plan allocation has been made in the Eleventh Five Year Plan aiming at improvement of quality through increased allocation for improvement of infrastructure in the existing higher and technical educational institutions and by way of setting up of new quality institutions such as Central Universities in uncovered States, establishment of Innovation Universities aiming at world class standards, quality institutions such as Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, Schools for Planning and Architecture, establishment of 50 centres for training and research in frontier areas of Science and Technology etc. In order to attract talented persons to the teaching professions, liberal and attractive pay scales have been provided to teachers while tightening entry qualifications by making qualifying the National Eligibility Test (NET) mandatory with exemption provided to those who have obtained Ph.D. degree in accordance with the standards and vigour prescribed.