

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:419  
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2010  
DISPARITY IN QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether inter disparity in the quality of education imparted exist in various universities of the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to bring uniformity in the quality of education; and
- (d) the success achieved as a result thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 419 FOR 8.12.2010, ASKED BY SHRISHATRUGHAN SINHA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, REGARDING DISPARITY IN QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN UNIVERSITIES.

(a) to (d): Minimum standard of education in every University is ensured by the University Grants Commission (UGC) through its regulations in this regard. Universities however may vary in the quality of education beyond the minimum standards laid down by UGC depending on, inter-alia, availability of resources, infrastructure etc.

UGC regulations on minimum qualifications of teachers, minimum standards for award of M.Phil./ Ph.D. degrees, minimum requirements for career advancement of teachers have been brought into force. In order to attract and retain talent in teaching careers, salary and other financial benefits have been increased substantially; and age of superannuation for those in teaching positions has been enhanced to 65 years. New Central Universities have been established in states to serve as benchmark institutions of quality in different regions. Resource allocation under 11th Plan has been increased substantially and new schemes of incentivizing states to enhance their investment in strengthening higher education have also been introduced.