

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF CHAIRS IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to undertake a special drive to make teaching and research an attractive career option;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to set up chairs in various universities in the name of Indian Nobel laureates and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has identified universities in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The Central Government has already introduced measures to make teaching and research an attractive career option. The Central Government is implementing revised payscales of teachers in Central Universities and affiliated Colleges, following the revision of payscales of Central Government employees on the recommendations of the sixth Central Pay Commission. The age of superannuation of teachers in such higher educational institutions has also been enhanced to 65 years. The Central Government has also incentivized State Governments to adopt the above mentioned scheme of revision of payscales. In order to incentivize students to take up research with a career in teaching, those who complete their PhDs as per the UGC Regulations are exempted from the NET for appointment. The Central Government has also created 5 new Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) to encourage the dedicated pursuit of Science Education and Research.

Improved infrastructure and programme funding in Universities and Colleges also help in attracting talented persons to the teaching profession. The University Grants Commission (UGC) is providing funding on a regular basis for improving the infrastructure in Universities and Colleges, declared fit to receive grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956, and professional development of teachers through its schemes, namely: Special Assistance Programme; Major Research Projects etc. Also, the plan outlay for Higher Education has been significantly expanded during the XIth plan to provide for enhanced funding to State Universities through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA).

(c): Yes, Madam. An expert committee of the UGC has prepared guidelines for establishment of Chairs in the name of Nobel laureates and eminent persons.

(d) : No, Madam.