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API SYSTEM IN UGC
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced the Academic Performance Index (API) system in University Grants Commission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the UGC has been awarding projects to different universities or faculty and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the UGC has any mechanism to check the quality or create accountability by stipulating that the findings of a project must be published in top journals apart from the submission of a project report and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the UGC is funding many projects every year, most of them just producing project reports and do not publish any reports; and
- (f) if so, the number of projects funded by UGC during the last three years and the number of such reports published in the national and international journals?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that the Academic Performance Index (API) system has been laid down by UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2010 for Universities and Colleges and not for UGC. As per these Regulations the mechanism of Academic Performance Indicator (API) has been devised to assess the performance of teachers under three categories:-

- i) Category-I Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Related in various activities
- ii) Category-II Co-curricular, Extension and Professional Development Related Activities.
- iii) Category-III Research and Academic Contributions.

The performance of teachers and other academic staff in Universities and Colleges is assessed on the basis of a Performance Based Assessment System (PBAS) in which scores are awarded to each teacher and academic staff on the sub-categories of API as mentioned in the aforesaid Regulations.

As per the 2nd amendment to these Regulations, notified on 13th June, 2013, API scores will be used for screening purpose only and will have no bearing on expert assessment of candidates in Director Recruitment/Career Advancement Scheme (CAS). The regulations are available at <http://www.ugc.ac.in/page/UGC-Regulations.aspx>.

(c) to (f): The UGC has informed that it has been assisting research proposals of permanent, regular, working/retired teachers of Universities and Colleges, enlisted under section 2 (f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956, under its scheme of Major Research Project (MRP). The financial assistance under this scheme is to the tune of Rs.15.00 lakhs (for Humanities) & Rs.20.00 lakhs (for Science subjects). The guidelines of the scheme are at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7716504_12th-plan-guidelines.pdf.

As per the guidelines of the scheme it is mandatory to post the Executive summary of the report, research documents, monograph, academic papers provided under MRP on the website of the concerned University/College. The UGC has approved the following number of projects during the last three years:

Year Approved
projects

2010-2011	1821
2011-2012	512
2012-2013	1943
Total	4276

The UGC has reported that it does not maintain the details of reports published in the National and International journals under the scheme.