

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of Central Universities;
- (b) if so, the criteria adopted in this regard;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of such universities in the country; and
- (d) whether Central Universities have been advised to mandatorily accredit themselves with the NAAC and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) In the Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities, the areas such as improvement of quality of education, filling the vacant teaching posts on priority, faculty development, collaboration with the industry and research laboratories, promoting innovation, effective use of technology in teaching learning process, mandatory accreditation, integration of skills in higher education to increase employability etc., were discussed. The recommendations arising out of these meetings have been shared with all the Central Universities and the UGC for appropriate action.

(c) Improvement in the performance of Central Universities is an on-going process. The Government has introduced almost the best pay scale and promotional avenues to teachers of the Central Universities to attract young talent into teaching profession. The schemes and programmes introduced by the UGC for the improvement of quality in the Central Universities include:-

- i) Introduction of Semester System,
- ii) Periodic updation of curriculum,
- iii) Introduction of choice-based credit system,
- iv) Prescription of minimum qualification for appointment of teachers and other academic staff,
- v) Introduction of mandatory assessment and accreditation,
- vi) Establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell,
- vii) Introduction of Faculty Recharge programme to augment research and teaching resources,
- viii) Liberal financial support under the schemes of University with Potential for Excellence.

(d) The UGC (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulation, 2012, requires every higher educational institution, including Central Universities, to undergo the accreditation process from a recognized accreditation agency in accordance with the procedure laid thereunder. Accordingly, every Central University has to undergo accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), which undertakes accreditation on various quality parameters, including academic/instructional and infrastructural parameters. NAAC accreditation is valid for five years, after which, the Central Universities have to again apply for accreditation. The Central Universities have been advised to mandatorily accredit themselves with the NAAC by 31st December, 2015.