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

- (a) Whether an HRD committee has recommended doing away with the 10 year criterion for professors to become Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that if the said proposal is accepted, the issue of appointment of Vice-Chancellors to central universities would be sorted out to certain extent; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) Review Committee, constituted by Ministry of Human Resource Development, has recommended that the quantitative parameters such as 10 years as a Professor as a pre-condition for selection of a Vice-Chancellor (VC) should be dropped to enable a wider and freer choice of the right person to lead the university, (c) & (d): VCs in Central Universities are appointed following the conditions laid down in 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. There is no shortage of eligible candidates for appointment of VCs in Central Universities. However, regular appointment of VCs in Central Universities takes time in adhering to the well laid down procedure of appointments as per the Act/ Statutes of the Central Universities.