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Sexual Harassment Cases

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

- (a) whether sexual harassment of women lecturers, professors and research scholars at the hands of the academic heads of departments, professors and lecturers in educational institutions is on the rise across the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases registered during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether any prominent heads of departments, professors and lecturers are involved in such cases and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether all universities including central universities in the country have in-house committees on sexual harassment; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) &(b) The data regarding sexual harassment of women lecturers, professors and research scholars at the hands of the academic heads of departments, professors and lecturers in educational institutions is not centrally maintained. Based on information received from subordinate institutions, the position is as follows:

(i) University Grants Commission (UGC): UGC has informed that all the higher educational institutions were requested to submit the annual return on cases of sexual harassment for the period 1st April, 2014 to 31st March, 2015 and on the basis of the responses received from 84 Universities, the position is as under:-

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S. No. Name of State Number of complaints of sexual harassment received

01 Uttar Pradesh 23

02 Delhi 27

03 Haryana 07

04 Madhya Pradesh 01

05 Rajasthan 01

06 Maharashtra 02

07 Orissa 06

08 Uttarakhand 01

09 Chhattisgarh 02

10 Kerala 01

11 Karnataka 01

12 Assam 01

13 Tripura 02

Total 75

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(ii) National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA):- 1 complaint reported.

(iii) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU):- 1 complaint reported.

(iv) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE):- Nil Complaint

(v) National Institute of Technology (NIT):- 2 complaints

(c) (i) UGC has reported that complaints have been received in against the heads or members of faculties of Punjab University, Jadhavpur University, The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) and St Stephens College, Delhi.

(ii) National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) has informed of a case against the former head of the Institution and head of a Department.

(iii) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has informed that a complaint is there against former head of NIOS, who is now working in IGNOU.

(iv) Cases have been reported against faculty members of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology Jalandhar and Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat.

(d)&(e) UGC has sent an advisory to all the Educational Institutions that the University/Institute/College must have a committee and a separate cell to deal with issues of gender based violence and gender sensitization programmes, to evaluate, assist and support

Higher Educational Institutes to meet certain requirements which will make it mandatory in order to give effect to a policy of zero tolerance on campuses for gender based violence and harassment with a view to eliminating cultures of impunity (and also cultures of silence and complicity). UGC has reported that most of the higher education institutions have reported concurrence.
