

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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International Research Publications

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

- (a) the contribution of Indian institutes in high quality international research publications;
- (b) whether it is true that more than 48 percent researches done in the country are not published in international journals;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is aware of the fact that faculties of the universities are getting their research published in paid journals to get quick API score aimed at claiming higher academic positions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to curb such practices of faculties of the universities; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to attract the backward classes and women towards research?

Answer

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

(a):The Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), an Inter University Centre (IUC) under the University Grants Commission(UGC) has reported that the year-wise contribution, from 2010 to 2014, by Indian Institutions in high quality publications indexed in Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index, also indexed on the Web of Science(WoS), is as follows:

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Year 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 Total

(2010-2014)

Number of Publications 48163 52448 55538 61206 65198 282553

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(b): The INFLIBNET has further informed that as per the data of Indian publications on the Indian Citation Index, also indexed on the WoS, 58.26% of Articles are published in International Journals and 41.74% in Indian Journals. This comparison, however, does not take into account those journals that fail to make to the Indian Citation Index or the WoS.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The UGC has advised all universities to adhere to Regulations 6.0.5 of the 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 in this regard. The UGC has, further, imposed a ceiling on maximum Academic Performance Indiciary (API) that can be claimed for research, including publications. The Central Government has constituted a Committee to review the API scheme as regards entry point and career advancement of teachers.

(e): The UGC has launched various scholarships / fellowships for backward classes / women for attracting them to research. Such scholarships/ fellowships are Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC & ST Candidates; Post Doctoral Fellowship to SC/ST Candidates; Post Graduate Scholarships for Professional Courses for SC/ST Candidates; Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Scholarship for Research in Social Sciences; National Fellowship for OBC Candidate; Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child and Post Doctoral Fellowship to Women Candidates.
