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RE STRUCTURING OF UGC  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to re-structure the University Grants Commission (UGC) in view of the crisis at various levels and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has identified areas which ail the institution and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the findings/suggestions of the recent meeting of UGC held with stakeholders and Vice-Chancellors; and
- (d) the steps taken/preparedness of the UGC to cope with fast changing scenario of higher education and mushrooming of private universities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. (DR.) RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA)

(a): The Government has constituted a University Grants Commission (UGC) Review Committee on 30th July, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Hari Gautam, former Chairman of UGC for restructuring the UGC and reshaping its educational leadership and regulatory role to address imperatives and challenges in the higher education sector for fullest realization of the higher learning and research potential in the country.

(b): The terms of reference of the Committee are at [http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/RevUGC\\_0.pdf](http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/RevUGC_0.pdf) .

(c): No such meeting of UGC with stakeholders and Vice-Chancellors has been held recently. However, a two days retreat of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities, chaired by Minister of Human Resource Development, in which Chairman, UGC was also present, was held on 12th and 13th September, 2014 at Chandigarh. The pressrelease regarding the highlights of the Retreat is available at <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=109652>.

(d): The University Grants Commission has laid down the standards to be maintained in universities, including private universities, from time to time. Presently, all the Private Universities in the country have been established by the Acts of the State Legislatures and these are being regulated by the UGC as per the provisions contained in the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. The UGC conducts inspection of private universities to check their compliance with the laid down regulations and gives them opportunity for rectification of defects and non-conformity with the regulations.

The UGC has also laid down the UGC(Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 for maintaining standards in Deemed to be Universities. The UGC has made the accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions mandatory, issued regulations for affiliation of colleges to Universities, laid down the minimum qualifications for appointment to teaching positions, minimum standards for grant of first degree, Master's degree, M.Phil / Ph.D degree, etc for enhancing quality and access in higher education. The UGC has also laid down regulations for promotion of equity and grievance redressal in higher educational institutions. The UGC has specified the list of degrees, in accordance with Section 22(3) of the UGC Act, 1956, which can be awarded.

The UGC under its various schemes releases grants to universities and colleges for improving access and quality of higher education. The UGC has reported that it implements various schemes for improving the quality of higher education, such as Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE), Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE), Special Assistance Programme (SAP), Assistance for Strengthening of Infrastructure for Science and Technology (ASIST), Assistance for Strengthening of Infrastructure for Humanities and Social Sciences, etc.

The regulatory and grant disbursing functions of the UGC are being reviewed by the UGC Review Committee for fullest realization of the higher learning and research potential in the country.