

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 193
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018**

Performance Review of Central Universities

***193. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently decided to conduct a performance review of all the Central Universities across the country;
- (b) if so, the purpose thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has since taken any steps to improve the standard of education in all the Central Universities across the country and compete with global universities; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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KUNHALIKUTTY AND SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA REGARDING
PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES**

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, Government has been monitoring performance of Central Universities as per the MoU signed in accordance with Rule 229 (xi) of the General Financial Rules, 2017.

Vice Chancellors of Central Universities under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) have submitted MoUs comprising, inter-alia, performance parameters of current academic year and corresponding targets for the next academic year. This is mutually acceptable arrangement and not one way direction to the Central Universities and is aimed at increasing accountability, transparency and quality of education and consequently to improve the national and international ranking of the Universities.

MHRD has recently reviewed half yearly performance of the Central Universities based on the MoU parameters with respect to academic and research performance. The main purpose of such a review was to improve the academic and research standards of these Universities.

(c) & (d): The UGC (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulation, 2012, inter-alia, requires every higher educational institution, including Central Universities (CUs), 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), Bangalore, 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.

The UGC has issued the (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration) Regulations 2012, which provide a framework for academic collaboration between India and foreign higher educational institutions. To encourage research and development in the country, UGC implements various schemes such as Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE), Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE), Special Assistance Programme (SAP), Centres with Potential for Excellence in a Particular Area (CPEPA) etc. The UGC has launched the scheme of Faculty Recharge Programme wherein candidates are selected through global advertisements. Under the CV Raman Postdoctoral Fellowships Scheme the young faculties are attached to United States of America (USA) Universities to enable them to work with USA Scientists in their respective area of specialization.

Government has launched various initiatives like Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT), Impactful Policy Research in Social Sciences (IMPRESS), Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT), Students Promoting Awareness Of Research Knowledge (SPARK), etc.
