

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2162
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

Transgender Students

2162. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

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

- (a) the University-wise details of Number of Transgender students studying in various Central Universities of the country;
- (b) the University-wise details of Number of Transgender Teaching Staffs in various Central Universities of the country;
- (c) the University-wise details of Number of Transgender Non-Teaching Staffs in various Central Universities of the country;
- (d) the Year-wise details of steps taken during last five years to ensure increase in participation of the transgender community in the higher education; and
- (e) the details of further measures being taken by the Government for the same?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (c) : As informed by the Central Universities under administrative control of Ministry of Human Resource Development, no Transgender student is studying in these Universities except Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) where a total of 814 Transgender students have been enrolled during the last 5 years. There is no Transgender Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff in various Central Universities of the country.

(d) & (e) : University Grants Commission (UGC) has taken following actions to ensure increase in participation of the transgender communities in the higher education:

1. The forms/proforma of all the schemes being operated by UGC to have a column for the Transgender in gender category.

2. UGC has communicated to Universities from time to time:
 - a) to include a column for Transgender category in all application forms/academic testimonial and all other relevant documents processed by them and as well as their affiliated colleges;

 - b) to include Transgender as a third gender under the various scholarships/fellowships schemes of UGC;

 - c) to take other affirmative action to get the transgender students adequately acclimatized without facing fear, stigma or shame;

 - d) to encourage the faculty members to undertake major research projects funded by the UGC on the life and culture of the Transgender community;

 - e) to chalk out an action plan for the issues pertaining to transgender persons.

3. The Transgender community is permitted to appear in the UGC NET under same category with the same relaxation in fee, age, eligibility conditions and qualifying criteria for NET as are available to SC/ST/PWD categories.
