

**UGC guidelines regarding selection procedure for  
Readers and Professors**

2390. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the present UGC rules and guidelines regarding eligibility conditions and selection procedure required to be adopted by the State Governments for promotion of Readers and Professors of universities/colleges;
- (b) whether such rules have been changed from the year 1990;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the rules, etc., are uniformly followed by all State Governments; and
- (e) if not, the States in which deviations in the selection process have come to the notice of UGC and the action taken/proposed to be taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations, 2000 regarding Minimum Qualification for appointment and Career Advancement of Lecturers, Readers and Professors in Universities and Colleges which is in force have been reviewed in the light of emphasis on rigorous quality to justify the higher salaries approved for these positions in comparison to other careers.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per UGC Regulations, 2000, for promotion to the post of Reader requirement of eight years teaching experience has been reduced to five years. Further, requirement of 10 years experience as a Reader has been reduced to 8 years for promotion from Reader to Professor.

(d) and (e) Rules/Regulations prescribed by the UGC are expected to be uniformly followed by the State Governments/Universities. Whenever, the UGC receive any information/complaint/representation regarding deviation in the Selection process/promotion for the post of Reader/Professor, the UGC initiates appropriate action in such cases.

**Opening of colleges in rural areas**

2391. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to open engineering colleges, computer education centres and higher education centres, etc. in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) There is no specific scheme in the Ministry for Human Resource Development for opening engineering colleges, computer education centre