

Institution identified to conduct NET

684. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of institution identified by Government to conduct NET after CBSE's refusal to conduct NET (National Eligibility Test) in June, 2015.

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to get the examination conducted by UGC again even after failures faced by UGC in conducting NET in previous years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to identify institutions and stakeholders, so as to ensure that the examination is conducted in a free and fair way without jeopardizing the interest of students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed that it has agreed to conduct the National Eligibility Test (NET) in June, 2015.

(b) and (c) In view of above do not arise.

External registration of Ph.D

685. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/U.G.C. would take steps for external registration for Ph.D for the benefit of in-service college teachers; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it has not put any prohibition on pursuing research degree programmes like M.Phil/Ph.D. through part time or external mode keeping in mind the fact that many in-service college and university teachers pursue their research degrees through these modes. However, Universities offering research degree programmes through these modes are required to abide by the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009.