

Performance of Central Universities

1603. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken the review of performance of 14 new Central Universities established during the UPA Government;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, the performance of each of these universities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) In the Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities (CUs) including new CUs, the areas such as improvement of quality of education, filling the vacant teaching posts, faculty development, collaboration with the industry and research laboratories, promoting innovation, effective use of technology in teaching learning process, mandatory accreditation, integration of skills in higher education to increase employability etc., were discussed. The recommendations arising out of these meetings have been shared with all the Central Universities and the UGC.

Improvement in the performance of Central Universities is an on-going process. University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced the following schemes and programmes for the improvement of quality and standards of all the Central Universities :—

- (i) Introduction of Semester System,
- (ii) Periodic updation of curriculum,
- (iii) Introduction of choice-based credit system,
- (iv) Prescription of minimum qualification for appointment of teachers and other academic staff,
- (v) Introduction of mandatory assessment and accreditation,
- (vi) Establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell,
- (vii) Introduction of Faculty Recharge programme to augment research and teaching resources,
- (viii) Liberal financial support under the schemes of University with Potential for Excellence.
- (ix) Mandatory accreditation of Universities with National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).