

Further, two modalities have been evolved for their engagement with the university system: The 'Adjunct faculty' route for younger and mid-career professionals within the target groups, and the 'scholar-in-residence' avenue for senior professionals and specialists.

The UGC has sanctioned 5 Adjunct faculty positions for each Central University. The UGC has also framed the guidelines for empanelment of Adjunct faculty in Universities and colleges. These guidelines enable higher educational institutions to access the eminent teachers and researchers who have completed their formal association with the University/college, to participate in teaching, to collaborate and to stimulate research activities for quality research at M. Phil and Ph.D. levels; and to play mentoring and inspirational role. The higher educational institutions may also access the professionals, experts, officials and managers including industry experts, in order to engage them as Adjunct faculty.

#### **Reduction of funds for NCERT**

1473. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has reduced funds for the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and if so, the rationale behind it?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): The budget provision for National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) under "Plan" has been increased from ₹ 2000.00 lakh in 2014-15 to ₹ 2500.00 lakh in 2015-16. However, the budget provision for "Non-Plan" has been reduced from ₹ 23972.00 lakh in 2014-15 to ₹ 20000.00 lakh in 2015-16. The actual Non-Plan expenditure of NCERT during 2014-15 was ₹ 18330.46 lakh. The allocation of budget is decided on the basis of, *inter-alia*, expenditure trend and the absorptive capacity, available resources and other competitive demands. The budget provision under "Non-Plan" for NCERT for the year 2015-16 is higher than the actual expenditure incurred during 2014-15.

#### **Attendance of teachers and quality of teaching**

1474. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has got any mechanism to ensure attendance of teachers and also quality of their teaching in Government run schools and if so, the details thereof;