

Academic Performance Indicators for Higher Educational Institutions

1672. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked all the higher educational institutions across the country to comply with the amendments made to rules and procedures contained in Academic Performance Indicators (API), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has done any inspection to ascertain whether all the higher educational institutions has strictly implemented the latest amendments, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education), Regulations, 2010 where, *inter alia*, Academic Performance Indicators (API) were introduced. API scores are mandatory qualifying benchmarks for Career Advancement Scheme and for direct recruitment of teachers and other academic staff in Universities and Colleges.

The last amendments to APIs was effected through the notification of the 4th Amendment to the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education), Regulations, 2016 dated 11th July, 2016.

These principal regulations along with subsequent amendments which lay down principles and guidelines for recruitment and promotion of faculties at the cadre of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor are mandatory in nature and are required to be followed for strict implementation by all Universities/Colleges without any deviation.

Shortage of teachers in primary schools

†1673. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is extreme shortage of teachers in primary schools particularly in backward and rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.