

Reduction in number of M. Phil/ Ph. D seats in JNU

3268. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a regulation to reduce the number of seats in M. Phil/ Ph.D from the next academic year in JNU;
- (b) if so, the reasons and objective behind the decision; and
- (c) whether the decision is within the UGC norms and has been verified by the concerned authority/Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) As per the UGC Act, 1956, the UGC is responsible for promotion and co-ordination of University education, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in Universities. In order to maintain the quality of Research and to avoid sub-standard research degrees, UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 have been notified. The UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016, *inter-alia*, lays down detailed eligibility criteria for admission into M.Phil/Ph.D programme, duration of such programme, procedure of admission, allocation of research supervisor, course work requirement, setting up of Research Advisory Committee etc. to provide a facilitative environment for carrying out quality academic research in Higher Education. These Regulations are mandatory in nature and are applicable to all Universities. Accordingly, JNU has adopted these UGC Regulations 2016 and the intake for admissions to M.Phil./ Ph.D. programmes of study for the Academic year 2017-18 has been incorporated in the University's e-Prospectus in the light of the regulations.

Report of NUEPA on enrolment

3269. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, according to the findings of the National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) enrolment in Government schools is on the decline during the last few years and that in private schools has been increasing;
- (b) whether, according to the National Sample Survey office, the proportion of children at the primary level attending private schools has increased from 27 per cent during 2007-08 to 38 per cent during 2014-15; and