

in Education (IASE), Sardarshahr, Rajasthan, (iii) Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Salem, Tamil Nadu and (iv) Allahabad Agriculture Research Institute, Allahabad, UP (now known as Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad).

For the students admitted during the academic session 2001-2005, Hon'ble Supreme Court has suspended the degrees granted to students till they pass an examination to be devised by AICTE. In line with decision of the Supreme Court, students who were enrolled during academic year 2001-2005, AICTE has made an online registration facility open to such students. Students can register themselves for taking the test till 15.01.2018 (as per the direction of Supreme Court).

Cutting down seats for Ph.D. courses

1177. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has cut down the total number of seats for Ph.D. courses and number of students per professor receiving training under Ph.D. programme in universities in the country; and

(b) if so, the total number of seats before and after reduction in each university and per professor, State-wise, along with the reasons for cutting down the seats in those universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Government has not cut down the total number of seats for Ph.D courses. The University Grants Commission (UGC) had framed the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for awards of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2009 which were notified on 11th July, 2009. Thereafter, in supersession of the above mentioned Regulations, the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2016, has been notified in Gazette of India on 5th July, 2016. 6.5 of para 6 of above Regulations states as under:-

6.5) A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three (3) M.Phil. and Eight (8) Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two (2) M.Phil, and six (6) Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one (1) M.Phil, and four (4) Ph.D. scholars.

These measures will promote good quality in Ph.D research.

(b) This data is not maintained Centrally.