

Swachh Bharat Summer Internship

1856. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would offer Swachh Bharat Summer Internship-100 Hours of Swachhata to students of universities and higher educational institutions this academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the internship is meant to improve sanitation and hygiene in villages and would give students a chance to win cash awards upto 2 lakh and two academic credits; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) Government of India launched a "Swachh Bharat Summer Internship-100 hours of Swachhta" programme for the students of Universities and Higher Education Institutions. The students are to devote approximately 100 hours conducting Swachhta-related activities'in villages selected by them and approved by their parent institution. The participants are to conduct (i) Information- Education- Communication activities for increasing awareness of village people about sanitation and hygiene and (ii) Solid Waste Management related activities in villages.

All the participants of the Internship programme will be given a Swachh Bharat Summer Internship Certificate on completion of their internship and its approval by their parent institution. Apart from these Certificates, the Best interns will be recognised with Shields/cups at college level and cash prizes of ₹ 30,000, ₹ 20,000 and ₹ 10,000 at University level; ₹ 50,000, ₹ 30,000 and ₹ 20,000 at State level and ₹ 2 Lakh, ₹ 1 Lakh and ₹ 50,000 at the National level. As per the guidelines of the Internship programme, 2 curriculum credits are to be given by institutions affiliated with UGC to those interns whose internships are certified by the parent institution as eligible for the credits on the basis of higher parameters.

Compliance to CEI Act

1857. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Central Educational Institutions (CEI) have complied with Central

Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 at post-graduate and M.Phil/Ph.D. level;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the year of compliance and consequent increased intake/admission in Masters and M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes for each CEI;

(c) whether the implementation of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulation, 2016 has impacted admission in M.Phil/Ph.D. programme of a CEI compliant with the CEI Act of 2006; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) The Central Educational Institutions (CEIs) (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 provides for the reservation of students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs)/ Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) of citizens to the extent of 15%, 7.5% and 27%, respectively, in Central Educational Institutions (CEIs) established, maintained or aided by the Central Government subject to exceptions provided under Section 4 of the Act and subject to special provisions for regions specified in the amendment to the Act in 2012. The implementation of the provisions of the CEI Act, 2006 in Central Educational Institutions is being followed in letter and spirit.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for the award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2016 on 5th July, 2016. These regulations are mandatory in nature.

As per All India Survey of Higher Education reports, enrolment of students in Masters and M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes has been showing constant increase every year. The increase noticed after the implementation of UGC M.Phil/Ph.D regulations, 2016 was particularly high in comparison to previous years. Year-wise comparison is as under:

Years	Student Enrolment	
	Ph.D.	M.Phil.
2014-15	117301	33371
2015-16	126451	42523
2016-17	141037	43267