

Survey on higher education

725. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has released an All India Survey on Higher Education for 2016-17; and
- (b) if so, what are the salient findings of this Survey particularly with reference to the number of colleges per lakh of eligible population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) The Ministry has released All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2016-17 on 5th January, 2018.

(b) The salient findings of All India Survey on Higher Education 2016-17 in terms of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is 25.2%, Gender Parity Index (GPI) is 0.94 and Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) for universities and colleges in regular mode is 22 for the age group of 18-23 years. There are 40026 numbers of colleges listed in AISHE report 2016-17 and there are 28 colleges per lakh population.

Age limit for appointment of Assistant Professors

†726. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the age limit for the appointment of Assistant Professors in Central Universities has been fixed by Government;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would take steps to stay the decision of fixing such age limit by some States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYAPAL SINGH): (a) to (c) As per 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, 2010, no upper age limit for recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor in Central Universities has been prescribed.

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