

of World Universities (ARWU) of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai) is eligible for direct recruitment as Assistant Professor in universities and colleges. The aforesaid regulations are available on UGC website at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4033931_UGC-Regulation_min_Qualification_Jul2018.pdf.

Reduction in seats for M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Central Universities

1697. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of seats for M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses in Central Universities have been reduced, at present;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to address the issues being faced by research students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) No, seats are not reduced. UGC has informed that number of seats for M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses in Central Universities is determined and managed as per clause 6.5 of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016, which reads as under:-

“A Research Supervisor/Co-Supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three M.Phil. and Eight Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two M.Phil and six Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one M.Phil and four Ph.D. scholars.”

(c) In order to promote innovative and cognitive thinking and improve the quality of Ph.D. Programmes, IMPRINT (Impacting Research Innovation and Technology), IMPRESS (Impactful Policy Research in Social Science), SPARC (Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration) have been launched.

Four-year integrated teacher education programme

1698. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in order to upgrade teacher education system and to enhance the teaching profession, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has announced a four-year integrated teacher education programme;