

that every University shall ensure that the classes for courses in subjects, other than professional courses, for the first year students shall commence by not later than the first week of August and for the students of second year onwards, by not later than the third week of July. The results for all the courses shall be declared by not later than last week of June. A flexibility of upto two weeks may be allowed for professional courses in commencement of classes for students of 2nd year and later, keeping in view the requirement of project work, summer schools and internship, etc. in professional courses.

Reservation policies in universities for contractual employees

†2814. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that compliance to reservation policy is not being followed by the Ministry in Central Universities in the appointments on contractual basis as a result of which the number of people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes is negligible in the appointments on such posts;

(b) whether the Ministry would ensure compliance to reservation policy in the appointments on contractual basis; and

(c) the category-wise details of the appointments made on contractual basis in Ministries and Central Universities during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (c) The Government norms of reservation for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) categories are followed for recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff in the Central Universities. As per instructions of Government of India, reservations apply to temporary appointments of more than 45 days.

The University Grants Commission had issued instructions from time to time to all Universities for (i) implementation of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes/Persons with Disabilities reservation policy of the Government/UGC (ii) display of reservation roster on University website and (iii) filling up of

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remaining identified backlog reserved vacancies of these categories in teaching and non-teaching posts. The Central Universities are autonomous institution and follows the Government of India norms. However, the data on number of appointments made on contracts category-wise in different Central Universities are not maintained centrally.

Uniform education system throughout the country

†2815. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes for a uniform education system throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether uniform education is being imparted in Government and private schools;
- (d) if so, the time that would be taken to implement this uniformity in the country; and
- (e) whether any policy has been formulated for the admission of poor students in private schools, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (e) The Government is committed to provide equitable access to quality education to all sections of the society and which is a continuous ongoing process. Education is a subject matter under the Concurrent list and States are important partners in policy formulation and implementation. The Committee for the Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan submitted its report to the Ministry on 31st May, 2019, which re-emphasizes the stated goals of ensuring equitable access to quality education across all levels and to all sections of the society. The Draft NEP 2019 which was uploaded on the Ministry's website and also at innovate.mygov.in platform has received a large number of suggestions/comments from all stakeholders including Government of India Ministries and State Governments. Currently, the process of finalizing the National Education Policy is ongoing.

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