

academic year and corresponding targets for the next academic year. Further, the Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities (CUs) are convened every year by the Visitor in which the areas such as improvement of quality of education, filling the vacant teaching posts, faculty development, collaboration with the industry and research laboratories, promoting innovation, effective use of technology in teaching learning process, mandatory accreditation, integration of skills in higher education to increase employability etc., are discussed. The recommendations arising out of these meetings are shared with all the Central Universities.

Steps taken to resolve the problem of fee hike in JNU

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SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken to resolve the problems of students of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in view of their protests against the increase of fees under various heads;
- (b) the outcome of high level committee and highly empowered committee constituted to look into the demands of students in JNU; and
- (c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (c) Ministry of Human Resource Development has made all out efforts to resolve the problems of students of Jawaharlal Nehru University. A High Power Committee (HPC) was constituted to initiate dialogues with stake holders and to recommend ways to restore normal functioning in the University. Besides, the JNU has constituted a High Level Committee (HLC) to get suggestions from the students' representatives on finding a solution on hostel issues. Accordingly, the High Level Committee recommended to give 50% concession to all the students and 75% concession to the BPL students on estimated rates. The recommendation of the High Level Committee has been approved by the Executive Council. The revised rates are sufficiently reasonable.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is one of the foremost university in India, and a world-renowned centre for teaching and research. It ranks second in the NIRF University Rankings. There has been no change in its tuition fees for the last about two decades, which is less than ₹ 300 per year and about 70 percent of its students are in receipt of fellowship/scholarship. It has been learnt from university administration that the rent for its hostel rooms, which were ₹ 10 and 20 per month about 40 years ago, have been increased to ₹ 300 and ₹ 600 respectively. JNU has revised the hostel fees after about forty years like other central universities to meet the expenditure on maintenance on no profit no loss basis.

Although the universities are autonomous bodies and competent to take decision on its own, however, whenever the situation arises, the Ministry extends its help.

Fee hike in State run institutes

2769. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that several State run institutions such as JNU, IITs, etc. are proposing and implementing fee hikes;

(b) whether the Ministry is of the opinion that education must be made more affordable rather than expensive;

(c) whether the Ministry has initiated a survey of proportion/rate at which the hikes have been administered; and

(d) whether the Ministry has sought any recommendations on upper limit of one time fee hike?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) Ministry of Human Resource Development has not issued any instructions to Central Universities for increase in the fees. So far as Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) is concerned, with a view to further strengthen the IITs, the revision of tuition fees for undergraduate programme of IITs was made on 8th April, 2016.

(b) to (d) Rule 229 (vi) of General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 provides