

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3052  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

**Lateral entry in teaching posts in Universities and colleges**

**3052 Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to allow lateral entry in teaching posts in Universities and colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is promoting lateral entry to undermine reservation to SC, ST and OBC;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for allowing lateral entry?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (e): National Education Policy 2020 envisages greater collaboration between academia and industry for promoting holistic and multidisciplinary education with focus on creativity, innovation and employability. Such an initiative will not only bridge the gap between Higher Educational Institutions and industry but also enrich the curriculum and help students' employability. University Grants Commission, without affecting the sanctioned positions of the university, is exploring the possibilities of creating positions such as Professor of Practice based on their industrial experience. Such provisions already exists in IITs.

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