

**QUESTION DETAILS**

MINISTRY OF : HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF : HIGHER EDUCATION

**RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1472

TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019

Grants to universities

1472. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar

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

- (a) the details of various schemes run by the University Grants Commission (UGC)/Government for grant of funds to the Central/State universities for development of infrastructure, basic facilities, research projects, etc.;
- (b) the details of funds, grants allocated/released by Government/UGC under its various schemes during each of the last three years, State/UT and scheme-wise;
- (c) the number of requests/proposals received by Government/UGC from various States for providing sufficient grants for universities and colleges in the States, State-wise; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by Government to improve quality of higher education in the States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a): As informed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the details of various schemes run by the UGC / Government for grant of funds to the Central/State Universities and Deemed to be Universities for development of infrastructure, basic facilities, research projects, etc are available at Annexure-I. The State Universities are also supported under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). RUSA, provides support to the State Universities under three components viz. Infrastructure Grants to Universities, Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities and Research, Innovation & Quality Improvement.

(b): The details of funds released by UGC to States/UTs under the various schemes during the last three years are attached vide Annexures – II, III & IV.

Under RUSA a total amount of Rs. 2819.524 crores has been approved for 142 Universities under Infrastructure Grants to Universities, 10 Universities under Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities and 19 Universities under Research, Innovation & Quality Improvement. Rs. 300.98 crores, Rs. 362.38 crores and Rs. 437.42 crores have been released during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively under RUSA.

(c): The UGC has informed that the proposals for grants are invited from all Central Universities under their purview and allocation of grants/funds is made based upon the recommendations of the Committee constituted for this purpose.

The details of the grants made to the State Universities under RUSA are attached vide Annexure-V.

(d): RUSA aims towards improving the overall quality of State Institutions by ensuring conformity to prescribed norms and standards and facilitate for creating an institutional structure for planning and monitoring.

With an aim of promoting quality and providing autonomy to good educational institutions, the University Grants Commission (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations 2018 and the University Grants Commission (conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and measures for maintenance of Standards in Autonomous colleges) Regulation 2018 have been notified.

UGC has further adopted several initiatives like Induction Programme for Students, Learning Outcomes Based Curriculum Framework, Use of ICT based learning tools for effective teaching-learning process including MOOCs and online degrees, Life Skills for students, Social and Industry connect for every institution, Evaluation Reforms, Student Career Progression and Alumni Network, Faculty Induction Programme(FIP), Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) and Leadership Training for Educational Administrators (LEAP), Scheme for Trans-disciplinary for India's Developing Economy and Consortium for Academic & Research Ethics (CARE) and Mentoring of non-accredited institutions (PARAMARSH).

Several schemes, awards, fellowships, chairs and programmes are also supported by UGC to encourage quality research in the country.

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