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Audit of Quality of Research Work in Universities

The All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) of Ministry of Human Resource Development compiles data on Ph.Ds awarded to students in Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions in the country. The survey data is available up to 2015-16. As per the AISHE data, 69,862 Ph.Ds have been awarded during three year period (from 2013-14 to 2015-16) by various Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions in the country. State-wise and Year-wise information on Ph.D awarded by Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions is at annexure.

The University Grants Commission (UGC), as per the UGC Act, 1956, is responsible for promotion and co-ordination of University education, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in Universities. In order to maintain the quality of Research and to avoid sub-standard research degrees, UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 have been notified. The UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016, inter-alia, lay down detailed eligibility criteria for admission into M.Phil/Ph.D programme, duration of such programme, procedure of admission, allocation of research supervisor, course work requirement, setting up of Research Advisory Committee etc. to provide a facilitative environment for carrying out quality academic research in Higher Education.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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