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**RELAXATION IN M.PHIL FOR WOMEN CANDIDATES & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 according to which the women candidates and persons with disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of one year for M.Phil. and two years for Ph.D in the maximum duration of these courses.

The regulations have provisions allowing transfer of research data in case of relocation of an M.Phil/Ph.D woman scholar due to marriage or otherwise; and allowing women candidates maternity leave/child-care leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil./Ph.D for up to 240 days. The regulations are available at [http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4952604\\_UGC-\(M.PHIL.-PH.D-DEGREES\)-REGULATIONS,-2016.pdf](http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4952604_UGC-(M.PHIL.-PH.D-DEGREES)-REGULATIONS,-2016.pdf).

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

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