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GENDER SENSITIZATION ON CAMPUSES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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The UGC has constituted a Task Force to recommend measures to ensure the safety of women and programmes for Gender sensitization on campuses across the country.

The UGC has asked the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities and Deemed to be Universities to ensure the safety of women on the campuses and undertake programmes for gender sensitization. It has also requested the Vice-Chancellors to identify one of the senior faculty and assign him/ her the responsibility of implementing the recommendations of the “SAKSHAM” report. The report is available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5873997_SAKSHAM-BOOK.pdf.

Further, the Central Government has enacted the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 for protection of all women employees (teaching, non teaching), whether permanent or temporary. The UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2012 prohibit discrimination/harassment, on the basis of gender, in Higher Educational Institutions. These interventions by the Central Government and the UGC seek to prevent and prohibit sexual harassment and assault in higher educational institutions.

This information was given by Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Prof. (Dr.) Ram Shankar Katheria in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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