

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *63
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

UGC Journals

*63. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the list of University Grants Commission (UGC) Journals was full of errors and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) of many Journals removed from the UGC list does not match the actual ISSN, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the instances of factual errors hit the credibility of the list itself; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken by UGC in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. *63 FOR 23.07.2018 ASKED BY SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING UGC JOURNALS

(a) to (d) UGC has addressed the problem of predatory and sub-standard journals claiming to publish scholarly articles. Accordingly, the Standing Committee of UGC on notification of journals has been constituted which, after due verification, has removed 4102 substandard journals. UGC currently recognizes only the following categories of academic journals:

- (i) Journals indexed in Web of Science or Scopus
- (ii) Journals recommend by the Standing Committee and Language Committee – suggested by experts primarily in the field of languages
- (iii) Journals recommended by Universities
