

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
STARRED QUESTION NO.120  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019

**Recognition of Degrees**

**\*120. DR.K. GOPAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to recognise the Degrees of the United Kingdom(UK);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India does not recognise many UK Master's Degrees as they are mostly of 12 months duration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
**(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 120 FOR REPLY ON 11.02.2019 ASKED BY DR. K. GOPAL REGARDING RECOGNITION OF DEGREES**

(a) to (d): As per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the Master's Degree through Formal Education) Regulations, 2003, duration of Master's Degree in India is specified as 2 years and therefore one year Master's degree is not recognized in India.

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is mandated to and involved in according equivalence to the degrees awarded by the approved/recognized/accredited universities subject to fulfilment of the following parameters:

- i. The degrees must be awarded by the foreign universities which are approved/recognized/accredited in their own country;
- ii. The programme of studies are pursued by the student as a full time regular student on the campus of the University of its origin and/or on a dully approved/recognized/accredited offshore campus/partner institutions
- iii. The minimum prescribed duration of the programme of the studies is at least the same as applicable in case of Indian Universities; and
- iv. The minimum eligibility requirements for admission in the programme of studies is at least the same as applicable in case of Indian Universities”

As per current Policy, equivalence is accorded by AIU only for those Master Degrees awarded by approved/recognized/accredited British universities that are of 2-Year duration.

In respect of countries with which India has Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Mutual Recognition of Academic Qualifications, the corresponding degrees of the countries are considered equivalent. However, till date, India does not have any such arrangement with United Kingdom.

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