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Appointing young professionals as professors

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Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) is looking for appointing young professionals and experts as Professors in the Universities;
- (b) if so, whether any policy level decision has been taken and the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the stakeholders like teachers' body were consulted before taking the final decision;
- (d) the tenure of such outsiders who come as Professors; and
- (e) the exit plan if such professionals could not deliver as expected, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): National Education Policy 2020 envisages greater collaboration between academia and industry for promoting holistic and multidisciplinary education with focus on creativity, innovation and employability. Such an initiative will not only bridge the gap between Higher Educational Institutions and industry but also enrich the curriculum and help students' employability. University Grants Commission, without affecting the sanctioned positions of the university, is exploring the possibilities of creating positions such as Professor of Practice based on their industrial experience. Such provisions already exist in IITs.
