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title: Regarding a Dharna called by All India Federation of University and College Teacher Organisation at Jantar Mantar today protesting against delay in implementation of decision of UGC by MHRD.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): Sir, I am a retired teacher. Today, the All India Federation of University and College Teachers Organisations (AIFUCTO) is holding a *dharna* at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi to protest against the Government's step-motherly attitude towards university and college professors' long pending demands and to highlight their career problems. Due to the inordinate delay in the concurrence of the Ministry of Human Resources Development for the UGC decision on the notification regarding modification in UGC regulations passed by the 497th Commission meeting held on 10.1.2014, the benefits of career advancement scheme are not being given to them. It is pending for a year.

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Besides this there is a drastic reduction in the Budgetary allocations for the Ministry of Human Resource Development year by year. This year the Budget for education has been slashed by 16.5 per cent. The Government is not considering their demand to constitute a Pay Revision Committee as the college and university teachers are not covered by the Central Pay Commission. The Government is not even ready to hear their demands or give them an appointment to meet the Minister of Human Resources Department.

I urge upon the Government to immediately call the Federation, the only all-India organisation for the college and university teachers, for a discussion and to take immediate steps to give the necessary concurrences, sent by the UGC to MHRD. Otherwise, the college and university teachers may go on an indefinite strike. Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, I am having a list of 30 Members. At 3.30 p.m. we are starting Private Members' Business. So, within that time we have to complete. If you cooperate by speaking only for half a minute or one minute, I can cover the entire list. Otherwise, some of the Members may not get the opportunity because after 3.30 p.m. I cannot allow anyone. So, please cooperate.