

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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STARTING NEW COURSES AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UGC has, in principle, approved new courses at the graduate level in universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a high level meeting of the UGC was held recently to approve such courses;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any funding is likely to be provided by UGC to encourage universities to adopt such courses; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (f): According to the information furnished by the UGC, it has decided to introduce many new courses in the University system, based on the recommendations of Expert Committees set up from time to time. An indicative list of such courses is kept at Annexure.

UGC provides recurring grant upto Rs.25.00 lakhs and non-recurring grant of Rs.34.00 lakhs under the Scheme of Innovative Programmes.

Under Vocational Education Scheme, UGC provides financial assistance to the tune of Rs.7.00 lakh non-recurring and Rs.2.00 lakh per annum recurring grants for Science subjects and Rs.2.00 lakhs non-recurring and Rs.1.00 lakh per annum as recurring grant for Social Science and Humanities subjects. Assistance is provided for a period of 5 years, after that the institutions have to take over the liability.