

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

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JOB ORIENTED HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the number of research scholars has gone down due to not being provided good job opportunities by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to make education, provided in universities and colleges, more relevant and job oriented in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the number of seats created for such job oriented courses during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. As per the data available with the Government, enrolment of research scholars (Ph.D./ D.Sc./D.Phil./M.Phil.) has increased as follows:

Year	Enrolment of research scholars
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2006-07	36847
2007-08	77038
2008-09	78388

(c) & (d): Universities/ institutions are autonomous entities and competent to frame relevant syllabi and curricula to make education more relevant and job oriented. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it is implementing a scheme for Career Orientation to Education. The objective of the scheme is to ensure that the graduates who pass out after completing these courses, have knowledge, skills and aptitudes for gainful employment in wage sector in general and self employment in particular. The courses offered are in the form of Certificate/ Diploma/ Advance Diploma which a student may opt parallel to their conventional B.A./B.Com./B.Sc. Degrees. The courses offered are inter-disciplinary in nature. The students have the freedom to diversify into various fields, not necessarily related with their core discipline, e.g. a science student could side by side pursue course in Event Management and students of Arts background have the option to pursue a course in Science, Journalism etc. During the period 2009-10, 515 proposals received from the Colleges and Universities were approved by the UGC for financial assistance under the Scheme and Rs.47.04 crores were released to them for conducting Career Oriented Courses.

Further, 08 Indian Institutes of Technology, 07 Indian Institutes of Management, 05 Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, 02 Schools of Planning and Architecture, 01 Central Institute of Technology, 10 National Institutes of Technology and 15 Central Universities have been set up during the XI Five Year Plan. Further, under the scheme of Sub-mission on Polytechnics, out of 300 districts, financial assistance has been provided for setting up of new Polytechnics in 252 districts.

(e): Data is not centrally maintained.