

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

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

- (a) whether the traditional courses are dying a slow death due to few students choosing these courses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether several colleges across the country are scrapping such traditional courses;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): The Central Government or statutory regulatory bodies under Central Government cannot compel any student to opt for a particular course or programme.
- (b): University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that more than 50% students are pursuing courses at different levels under the faculties of Arts and Science covering broadly the domain of traditional and conventional subjects.
- (c) & (d): The Academic Councils/Statutory councils of the Higher Education Institutions are autonomous in nature and have full freedom to decide the courses to be offered to students, new courses to be started and courses less in demand to be closed down. Central Government or UGC have no role to play in such matters, and hence, such data is not maintained centrally.
- (e): In view of above, does not arise.