

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

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FOUR YEAR DEGREE UNDER GRADUATE PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government/UGC has introduced four year degree/under graduate programme in the country from the current academic year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the universities which have introduced the new system and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that there are apprehensions from various quarters of the society against the programme and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has received representations from various organisations against the said programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): As reported by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the University of Delhi has introduced a Four Years Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) from the current academic session i.e July 2013. Under the FYUP, there is a provision for awarding diverse degrees, namely Diploma, Degree and Honours Degree on the completion of two, three and four years respectively. The programme provides flexibility to the students to exit after completion of two or three years and such students can return within a span of ten years, if otherwise eligible, to complete the Degree and/or Honours Degree Course. The students exiting after two years will be eligible for a Diploma and those exiting after three years will be eligible for a Bachelor Degree with a major as well as a minor. At the end of four years, students will be eligible for an Honours Degree in the major discipline.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. The Government is aware that the introduction of FYUP in University of Delhi has created a lot of debate including views for and against the programme. Accordingly on the directions of the Ministry, the UGC has set up an Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Joshi, Former Director General, CSIR to closely monitor the progress of implementation of the FYUP in the University of Delhi, offer corrective advice in matters pertaining to curricular, pedagogic and assessment systems, assess the implications of the FYUP for the post-graduate degree programmes in Delhi University and other Central Universities and deliberate on any other issue relevant to the FYUP, and make suitable recommendations to the UGC.