

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

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PROMOTION OF COCS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to promote Career Oriented Courses (COCs) in universities and colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the COCs offered at present;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to offer more courses in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal for introducing more COCs and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government has any financial assistance scheme to promote COCs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the amount spent in this regard during each of the last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. To encourage the incorporation of skill-oriented and value-added add-on-courses in colleges/ Universities, the University Grants Commission (UGC) is implementing a Scheme entitled "Introduction of Career Oriented Courses (COCs). Under the scheme, the UGC provides financial assistance to Universities/Colleges, eligible to receive grants from the UGC, for the introduction of COCs at the level of Certificate / Diploma / Advance Diploma which run concurrently with the conventional degree like B.A./ B.Com /B.Sc. The Universities/Colleges, which have introduced COCs, are provided with a financial assistance of Rs. 7.00 lakhs as "Seed Money" for five years for the Humanities and Commerce streams and Rs. 10.00 lakhs as "Seed Money" for five years for the Science Stream. The scheme details are available at www.ugc.ac.in. The list of COCs, that have been approved by the UGC, are at Annexure -I.

(c): Yes, Madam. The Universities/ Colleges identify their own 'Need Based' COCs/inter- disciplinary courses. During the year 2012-13, out of 782 proposals received by the UGC from Universities/Colleges under the scheme, 522 proposals were found suitable and accepted by the UGC.

(d): Yes, Madam. During the year 2013-14 the UGC has received 60 new proposals, from Universities/ Colleges, under the scheme.

(e) & (f) : The details of the grant released during last three years, state wise, is at Annexure -II.