

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to allow students to study multiple degree courses at the same time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC), in its meeting held on 31st July, 2013, has already approved the Report of its Expert Committee on the matter of allowing students to pursue two or more degrees simultaneously on regular/distance/private/online/ part time basis. As per the Report, a student enrolled in a degree programme under regular mode may be allowed to pursue a maximum of one additional degree programme simultaneously under open /distance mode from same or a different university. Two degree programmes simultaneously in regular mode are not allowed. However, a student may be allowed to earn extra credits, over and above the credits required for a degree programme in which he is admitted. The Credits so earned will be reflected in the marks sheet.

The report further recommends that a student pursuing a degree programme under the regular mode may be allowed to pursue a maximum of one diploma/ certificate etc. programme in regular/ ODL/ private mode simultaneously subject to the conditions that the UGC Regulations/ University Ordinances and Statutes are not violated.

(c) & (d): The UGC is fully competent to frame Regulations to give effect to its decisions.