

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:50
ANSWERED ON:09.07.2014
FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) in the University of Delhi has been scrapped recently and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any directive in this regard was issued by the University Grants Commission and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all concerns of the students affected by FYUP have been resolved including B.Tech and Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS) courses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government and the University of Delhi to protect the academic interests of affected students?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 50 FOR ANSWER ON 09.07.2014 ASKED BY SHRI C.N. JAYADEVEN AND SHRI SATAV RAJEEV, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, REGARDING "FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME"

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The University of Delhi has reported that the Academic Council of University of Delhi, vide its resolution dated 28-06-2014, decided to replace, with effect from the academic year 2014-15, the syllabi/scheme of examination under the FYUP with scheme/ syllabi which was in existence in 2012-13.

The Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development vide his letter dated 03-06-2013, wrote to Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) that since the Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP), constitutes a major departure from the existing three year programmes being followed in the country, and especially in view of the concerns expressed by several academics, it would be important to set up an advisory committee of eminent academics to closely monitor the implementation of the new programme in University of Delhi and to keep the Commission informed so that necessary corrective action could be taken by UGC from time to time. Accordingly, UGC constituted an Advisory Committee comprising of 5 eminent academics and chaired by Prof S.K. Joshi. The Committee submitted its report to UGC on 25-02-2014.

The Report of the Committee, along with information furnished by the University of Delhi on 28th May, 2014, was considered by the Commission in its 501st Meeting held on 13th June, 2014. The Commission, while observing that the FYUP was a deviation from the pattern of 10+2+3 structure enshrined in the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 also observed that the ordinances effecting the departure from the established national pattern did not have the approval of the competent authority. In view of the same, the Commission decided to issue an advisory to the University of Delhi to review /reconsider the continuation of FYUP. This advisory was issued by UGC to University of Delhi on 16th June, 2014.

After taking into consideration the various developments in the matter, the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and the deviation of the FYUP from the 10+2+3 system of education thereby resulting in the non-adherence by the University of Delhi to the NPE- 1986, the obligation of the Commission as enumerated under Section 12 of the UGC Act, the directive by the Central Government under Section 20(1) of the UGC Act, 1956, and that in larger interest of the students and the necessity of ensuring that they are not put under any undue hardship because of the said deviation, and the fact that the FYUP introduced by the University of Delhi would create complications for the students who are going to opt for migration in other universities since all other universities follow a system of three-years undergraduate education for general degree programmes, the UGC, in the exercise of powers conferred under section 12 of the UGC Act, 1956, issued the following directives to the University of Delhi on 20th June, 2014:

(i) The admissions for the academic year 2014-15 and the subsequent academic years in the University of Delhi (including the constituent and other colleges under it) for the general undergraduate programmes shall be made in the three year structure which was prevalent in the University of Delhi prior to introduction of FYUP;

(ii) Appropriate arrangements shall be made by the University of Delhi for students, already admitted in the academic year 2013-14 in the FYUP, to migrate to the three year undergraduate programme structure so that they do not lose an academic year for obtaining undergraduate degrees, and for this purpose, ensure that students acquire necessary academic and other competences during the next two academic years;

(iii) Take all other steps as may be necessary to adhere to the 3-year undergraduate programme as envisaged under the 10+2+3 structure under the NPE 1986, while ensuring that students are facilitated through the process of transacting the curricula under the 10+2+3 structure.

These directives were reiterated by the UGC vide its order dated 22nd June, 2014 in which University of Delhi was further directed to ensure that admission for academic session 2014-15 at the under-graduate level in the general degree programmes in various colleges under University of Delhi shall only be to the three year general under-graduate programmes which were offered prior to the introduction of FYUP and to inform all colleges to comply with the directives of the UGC. The UGC also wrote a letter dated 22nd June, 2014 to all the colleges under the University of Delhi for complying with the directives issued by the UGC and ensuring that colleges admit students at undergraduate level for academic year 2014-15 only to the 3 year undergraduate programme which was offered prior to introduction of FYUP.

(c) & (d) The UGC has issued directives to the University of Delhi for making appropriate arrangements for students already admitted in the FYUP in the general degree courses during 2013-14 to migrate to the 3-year undergraduate programme while ensuring that students acquire the necessary academic and other competence during the next two academic years. In respect of the students who were admitted to the 4-year B.Tech programmes in Computer Sciences, Electronics, Food Technology, Instrumentation Electronics and Polymer Science during 2013-14, the UGC had issued an advisory to the University of Delhi that such students may continue in the said Programmes and further that the colleges which admitted students in academic year 2013-14 in these Programmes may, wherever required, obtain approval of the regulatory bodies such as UGC and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and ensure that students admitted in these Programmes are not put to any disadvantage. The UGC had also issued an advisory to the University of Delhi in respect of students admitted in the 4-year Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS) Programme in 2013-14 stating that students already admitted during 2013-14 in the BMS Programme may continue in that Programme; however, the duration of the Programme shall be of 3 years. It was further advised that the colleges which admitted the students to the BMS Programme in 2013-14 may, wherever required, obtain approval of the regulatory bodies such as the UGC and AICTE and ensure that students admitted in the Programme are not put to any disadvantage.