

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

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission has decided to open 100 Kaushal centres across the country during the upcoming academic year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether vocational courses such as BCA, MCA, BBA, MBA etc. are already there in universities and colleges across the country including Bihar but teachers have not been appointed in these institutions as per UGC guidelines and there is shortage of other facilities; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission(UGC) has decided to approve 100 centres under its scheme of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Knowledge acquisition and upgradation of skilled human abilities and livelihood (KAUSHAL) in universities and colleges across the country during the XIth plan period. These centres will impart skill based education from the certificate to post graduate level. The guidelines of the scheme are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1502196_KAUSHAL-GUIDELINES-13-Dec-2014.pdf.

(c) & (d): The UGC and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have laid down regulations/ norms and standards regarding minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers in Universities and Technical Colleges respectively. These regulations/ norms and standards are binding on the concerned Higher Educational Institutions. The UGC (Minimum Qualifications for appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other measures for the maintenance of standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2010 stipulates that for recruitment of an Assistant Professor, one of the minimum qualifications is possessing good Academic Record with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) at Master's Degree level, in a relevant subject from an Indian University or an equivalent degree from an accredited Foreign University. Further, clearing National Eligibility Test (NET)/ State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) is also a minimum eligibility condition for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professors in Universities and Colleges.

The data regarding details and qualifications of teachers appointed in higher educational institutions in the country is not maintained centrally.

The Government has notified the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) on 27th December, 2013 to enable a person to acquire desired competency levels, transit to the job market and at an opportune time, return for acquiring additional skills to further upgrade their competencies and ensure holistic development. The UGC is providing grants, within this framework, to universities and colleges under the two schemes namely "Community Colleges" and "B.Voc degree programme" which offer employment oriented skill based vocational courses wherein an industry partner is essentially associated for curriculum development, delivery of courses and assessment of learners. To give further push to skill based vocations, a scheme of "Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhaya KAUSHAL Kendra" has also been approved by the Commission. These schemes provide financial support to meet operational expenditure including engagement of guest/ visiting faculty/ resource persons, hiring services, contractual lab staff etc. in creating skilled manpower.