

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:124

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CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

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

- (a) whether the Government has convened a meeting of all State Education Ministers on adoption of the credit framework for skills and the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in colleges and State public universities;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the Government/University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued guidelines for the implementation of these programmes and if so, the details thereof along with the number of universities where CBCS has been implemented;
- (d) whether the Government has consulted the States in this regard and if so, the reaction of the States thereto;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan for setting up of a Grievance Redressal Cell in the UGC and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the expected number of students to be benefited by these programmes?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 124 FOR 04.03.2015 ASKED BY SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI AND SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education convened a meeting of all State Education Ministers looking after Higher/ Technical Education, on 6th January 2015 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, to discuss adoption of the Credit Framework for Skill Development (CFSD) and the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in Colleges and State Public Universities. The details of the issues discussed and decision taken during the meeting are at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Press_Release_06-01-2015.pdf.

(c): The guidelines issued by the UGC are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9555132_Guidelines.pdf for CBCS and http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6925009_SkillNSQF.pdf for "Curricular Aspects, Assessment Criteria and Credit System in Skill based Vocational Courses under the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF)" respectively. The UGC has reported that 18 Central Universities funded by it have introduced CBCS both at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Other Central Universities are at different stages of implementation of CBCS.

(d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it has been constantly persuading the universities to introduce academic reforms like introduction of semester system, choice based credit system, grading etc. with a view to bringing about qualitative improvement in higher education in the country. All State Ministers of Higher/ Technical Education endorsed the Credit Framework for Skills and the Choice Based Credit System in the meeting held on 6th January 2015 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The UGC is also conducting eight Regional Workshops from 20th March, 2015 to 16th April, 2015 so that all the universities can be prepared and assisted in the implementation of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS).

(e): Yes, Madam. The suggestion to set up a Grievance Cell in the University Grants Commission addressing challenges emanating from its implementation was accepted. Accordingly, a Cell has been set up by the UGC. Details are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6685669_English.pdf.

(f): The UGC is constantly endeavouring to persuade the universities in the country to adopt these guidelines. The data regarding number of students benefited by these programmes is not centrally maintained.