

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:202

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RADICALISATION OF STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether instances of radicalisation of students, including anti-national and anti- social activities have been reported from some of the State funded higher educational institutes, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the National Integration Council has recommended launching of effective programmes at regular intervals across educational institutions to arrest this trend and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government/University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided to teach humanities and social sciences in all educational institutions to address the growing concern of radicalisation of students and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other corrective steps taken by the Government to address the issue?

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 REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 202 FOR 11.03.2015 ASKED BY SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE AND SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING RADICALISATION OF STUDENTS

(a): Higher educational institutions are responsible for monitoring the standards of conduct of students enrolled in the courses of study being offered by them. These institutions undertake all necessary action, as per the norms, rules, regulations laid down by the legal framework of the country as well as specified by the University Grants Commission and other regulatory councils, against any anti-national and anti- social activity on their campuses to ensure a peaceful academic atmosphere. The details of anti-national, anti-social incidents in state funded higher educational institutions, involving radicalized youths, are not centrally maintained.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The National Integration Council (NIC) in its meeting held in September, 2011 had requested the Department of Higher Education to launch effective programmes in all educational institutions at regular interval to stop radicalization of youth.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has written to the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities and Deemed to be Universities, on the 16th January, 2013, that Human Rights issues and Human Values need to be sensitized amongst the students. It was further communicated that technology and science students be asked to take courses under humanities and social sciences as part of their curriculum.

(d): In order to promote and propagate democratic values like debate, dissent and discussion in higher educational institutions, the UGC is implementing its scheme of Human Rights and Value Education for dissemination of human rights literature and organizing programmes aimed at promoting scientific temperament of students. The UGC under its scheme of Scheme of Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India acquaints the teachers and students with the thoughts and actions of great thinkers and social leaders in India. The UGC has also taken various measures to enforce the accountability of higher educational institutions for redressing grievances, preventing discrimination/ harassment/ victimization and indicating student's entitlements to also prevent radicalization, apart from other negative tendencies, which lead to discrimination and discord on the basis of caste, community and religion. The UGC (Establishment of Mechanism Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012; UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012; UGC (Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2009 and guidelines on Student's entitlements are available at www.ugc.ac.in.

The National Social Service (NSS) and the National Cadet Corps (NCC) programmes in higher educational institutions also aim at nurturing core values, including a National outlook and selfless service, amongst young citizens.