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WORKSHOPS IN CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Universities have agreed to move towards a choice-based credit system during the coming academic year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether eight workshops have been held in Central universities to explain the transition; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) This Ministry convened a meeting of the State Education Ministers/Principal Secretaries (Education) on 6th January, 2015 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The meeting, deliberated on two critical areas of reforms pertaining to introduction of Choice-based Credit System (CBCS) and adoption of Credit Framework for Skill Development (CFSD) at the earliest.

During the meeting, a consensus emerged on the implementation of CBCS and adoption of CFSD across the universities and colleges from the coming academic session i.e. 2015-16, as it will not only provide wider options to students but also ensure their seamless mobility across the institutions.

This issue was also discussed in the Retreat of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities held on 12-13th September, 2014 at Chandigarh, Vice-Chancellors' Conference at Vigyan Bhawan held on 4th December, 2014 and VCs' Conference of Central Universities at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, held on 4-5th February, 2015. In all these Conferences, Vice-Chancellors of all Central Universities agreed to introduce the Choice Based Credit System.

University Grants Commission has approached all universities instructing them to shift from numerical marking system to grading system of evaluation. UGC has already issued guidelines on adoption of CBCS, which is available on the website of UGC at www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9555132_Guidelines.pdf.

(c) & (d) The workshops are yet to be held.