

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3623  
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2015  
PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION  
Tanwar Shri Kanwar Singh

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

- (a) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote environmental education in higher educational institutions in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up environmental education centres or expand environmental engineering curriculum in the Government/private institutions getting subsidy;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that as per directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition 860 of 1991 (M.C. Mehta vs Union of India and others), it has framed a Core Module Syllabus for Environmental Studies, of six months duration, for undergraduate courses and circulated it to the universities/institutes for implementation and compliance. This curriculum is available at [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in).

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has reported that it has designed model curriculum for implementation at Postgraduate (PG), Undergraduate(UG), Diploma and Post Diploma level in technical courses. This curriculum is available at [www.aicte-india.org](http://www.aicte-india.org).

(b) & (c) : Yes, Madam. The AICTE has reported that there are 43 Government / aided institutions in the country that offer post graduate courses in environmental engineering leading to M.Tech/ M.E. programmes. It has stated that its policy is to encourage institutions to start new courses including environmental engineering within the stipulated rules.

(d): In view of above does not arise.