

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NCC AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to introduce National Cadet Corps (NCC) as an elective subject in university education across the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its syllabi content; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to inculcate discipline, patriotism and need for social and moral obligations among students?

Answer

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

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) had requested the Principals of 30 Autonomous Colleges, including two colleges from Maharashtra, and all Vice Chancellors of the affiliating Universities to introduce the National Cadet Corps (NCC) as an elective subject in the education being imparted by them. Government College of Arts and Science, Aurangabad and Vidya Bharti Mahavidyalaya, Amravati are the two colleges from Maharashtra where introduction of NCC as an elective subject is being supported by the Directorate General of NCC and the UGC.

(b): A workshop of the Vice Chancellors of the respective Universities and the Principals of these selected Autonomous Colleges was conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) on 12th March, 2013 at Delhi, to discuss the modalities for the implementation of NCC as an elective subject with credit points from academic year 2013-14. The copies of the NCC syllabi of Sardar Patel University, Gujarat and American College, Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu were shared with the Principals of selected Autonomous Colleges. The shared syllabi focus on citizenship, patriotism and the social and moral obligations of an Indian. The syllabi aim to enhance their life and leadership skills and prepares them to face all challenges in any career or walk of life that they choose. The Autonomous Colleges and Universities have the freedom to determine and prescribe their own courses of study and syllabi, and restructure and redesign the courses to suit local needs. The UGC has not prescribed any syllabi centrally.

(c): 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. The University Grants Commission has decided to enhance its financial support to those Autonomous Colleges which introduce NCC as an elective subject from 2013-14.