

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:508
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CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) implemented by the University Grants Commission and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the modalities chalked out for implementation of CBCS;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to admit students in medical and law courses on the basis of CBCS and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the medical colleges and law universities have been consulted in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

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.508 FOR 29.04.2015 ASKED BY DR.C.GOPALAKRISHNAN, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

(a): The UGC 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 out qualitative improvement in higher education in the country. To bring in the desired uniformity, in grading system and method for computing the cumulative grade point average (CGPA) based on the performance of students in the examinations and to ensure seamless mobility of students across the higher education institutions across the country as well as abroad, the UGC has formulated Guidelines on Adoption of Choice Based Credit System on 12th November, 2014 and requested all Universities to adopt uniform Choice Based Credit System from academic year 2015-16. The guidelines issued by the UGC are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9555132_Guidelines.pdf. Following a meeting of the State Education Ministers/Principal Secretaries (Education) on 6th January, 2015 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, the Chairman, UGC has also written to all Universities/Higher Educational Institutions for introduction of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and adoption of Credit Framework for Skill Development (CFSD) at the earliest for providing wider options to students and for ensuring their seamless mobility across the institutions. Subsequently, one more letter has been sent by the UGC to all Universities for effective implementation of the guidelines without compromising on the basic template and essential parameters of UGC Guidelines on Adoption of Choice Based Credit System. The UGC has also prepared undergraduate level minimum course curriculum for Arts and Science courses for implementation under the CBCS and posted these at its website for feedback. The minimum course curriculum is available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/8023719_Guidelines-for-CBCS.pdf. The UGC has prepared guidelines for Credit Framework for Skill Development in accordance with the tenets of CBCS. These guidelines are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6925009_SkillNSQF.pdf.

(b): In order to spread awareness among higher education institutions about the way in which CBCS can be effectively implemented, UGC has conducted eight workshops with representatives of universities and colleges at different places across the country.

(c) & (d): CBCS has to be adopted by the Regulatory Councils for implementation of these guidelines in programmes and courses regulated by them.