

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the availability of laboratory equipment and material in the junior and senior colleges imparting the practical knowledge to the students especially in the new colleges started recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide grants-in-aid to such colleges to enable them to equip the laboratories with the latest technology and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed that it prescribes that all schools upto senior secondary level should have composite science laboratory with equipments and separate laboratories for Physics, Chemistry and Biology subjects as per course curriculum prescribed by the Board. The Board ensures availability of above facilities in the schools before grant of affiliation. Regarding Colleges affiliated to Universities, the University Grants Commission(UGC) (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations, 2009 stipulate that presence of necessary laboratory equipments as prescribed by the University/Statutory/Regulatory body concerned, for each of the higher education programmes is an eligibility condition for being considered for temporary affiliation with the University concerned. The Universities have the necessary powers, as per these Regulations, to ensure adequate laboratory infrastructure and presence of material in their affiliated colleges.

(c): The UGC has been providing financial assistance for purchasing laboratory equipments under the scheme of General Development Assistance and Minor Research Project to the colleges which are included under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act 1956.