

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VOCATIONAL COURSES IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of vocational courses introduced in universities of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to introduce more courses in High Technology and Info-Technology and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these courses are likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it is implementing two schemes for skill development, namely: Bachelor of Vocational (B.Voc) Degree Programme and Community Colleges. As on date there are 127 Institutions approved by UGC for offering B.Voc. Degree Programme and 157 Community Colleges are being run in the country. The Commission has approved to introduce new scheme namely Deen Dayal Upadhyaya KAUSHAL Kendras during XIth Plan period which will offer courses from Certificate to research level in the Country. The list of Community Colleges and Universities and Colleges assisted by the UGC under the scheme of "B.Voc degree programme", including such institutions in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, is available at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/upload_document/List-BVoc-Colleges-and-Universities-India.pdf . The courses for which such funding has been approved by the UGC are also provided in this list.

(b) & (c): The UGC has informed that Universities and Colleges can identify additional sectors/ specializations in view of the potential for employment in local industries and start courses to meet such demands under its scheme of "B.Voc programme". Further, universities can initiate proposals in specific High Technology and Info-Technology sector to the UGC for consideration under this scheme.