

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

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ONE STUDENT ONE TREE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued any directive to all universities and colleges to ensure that each student plant a tree in their campuses under the scheme, 'one student-one tree'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission(UGC) has written to Vice Chancellor of all Universities to compulsorily implement Six Months Core Module Syllabus on Environmental Studies for under-graduate courses in all branches of higher education and to create awareness among the student population for preservation of environment. The UGC has also informed universities that a step further to this is the concept of 'One Student One Tree' for which the students will be involved in nurtu- ring a tree for preservation of environment. The UGC has requested Uni- versities to avail the services of National Service Scheme (NSS) etc. to ensure that at least one tree is planted by a student during his/her stay in the university/affiliated colleges. Free saplings to students for plan- tation and conducting of a 'Special Plantation Drive', along with distri- bution of publicity material on environmental preservation, has also been advised to Universities by the UGC to make their campuses green. The UGC communication is available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4732081_Envi- ronmental.pdf.