

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

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STANDARDISATION OF YOGA EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted/proposes to constitute any expert panel/committee for the standardisation of Yoga education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the said Panel/Committee is likely to submit its report;
- (d) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recognized Yoga in the form of a full fledged curriculum at graduate and post graduate level and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of full-time/part-time courses being run for preparing yoga instructor for universities/colleges?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of AYUSH has informed that a task force has been constituted by that Ministry with a mandate to deliberate and recommend the preferred option for promotion, development and regulation of Yoga and Naturopathy for education and practice. That Ministry has further informed that the Task Force will submit its report by 30th September, 2015.

(d): Universities are autonomous in the matter of initiation of courses on Yoga and Meditation in the interest of students well-being. The University Grants Commission (UGC), in exercise of the powers under Section 22(3) of the UGC Act, 1956, has notified the degree of Bachelor of Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences (BNYS), with a minimum duration of 5 years and entry qualification being 10+2, which Universities can contemplate to offer. Further, the University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance to promote Yoga in Universities and Colleges. The UGC has informed that under its scheme "Development of Sports Infrastructure and equipment in Universities and Colleges" a model syllabus has been formulated in which there is a specific component on the subject of Yoga. The guidelines of the scheme are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6483817_English-Guidelines-of-Sports.pdf and the model syllabus is at <http://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/modelcurriculum/yoga.pdf>.

(e): The details are not centrally maintained