

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

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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR THIRD GENDER
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched scholarship scheme for third gender; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. No separate scholarship scheme has been launched by University Grants Commission (UGC) for the third gender. However, as per the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, transgenders are included as a third gender under the various scholarships/ fellowships of UGC.