

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:234
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Model Syllabi
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that curriculum, course content and subjects taught in the various universities varies across the board and if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (b) whether any action has been taken to ensure uniformity in education at university level and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has allowed the universities to customize the model syllabi depending upon areas of specialization and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the UGC has also addressed the concerns of teachers regarding inter-institute/inter-college migration/transfer and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by UGC for effective implementation of the proposed leverage in modification of syllabi?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 234 FOR 05.08.2015 ASKED BY DR. P. VENUGOPAL, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING MODEL SYLLABI.

- (a) : Yes Madam. The University Grants Commission(UGC) has informed that in order to bring about qualitative improvement in Higher Education, the UGC has initiated several measures which includes introduction of Choice-based Credit System (CBCS). The UGC has prepared 87 mainline and 18 specialised model syllabi for undergraduate programmes and made it available to the universities with a view to facilitating the implementation of CBCS. The idea of having model syllabi is to ensure greater equivalence (upto 70%) in the course contents to enable the students to move across institutions.
- (b) & (c): CBCS allows academic flexibility to Universities in designing their syllabi. As per the UGC detailed Instructional Template, at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4426331_Instructional-Template.pdf, Universities have been allowed to customize the syllabi of core papers to the extent of 30% of model syllabi. Universities have complete freedom in designing Elective and Foundation Courses.
- (d): The UGC Instructional Template dispels the apprehension that with the implementation of CBCS there will be migration or transfer of the faculty from one institution to another.
- (e): Apart from writing to the Vice Chancellors of Central/State/Private/Deemed to be Universities regarding the features of CBCS, the UGC has conducted 8 workshops at the various locations in the country inviting them and senior academicians for discussing and familiarizing them with the modalities of CBCS. Further, the UGC has sought feedback from different stakeholders on the model syllabi uploaded on its website at http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_notices.aspx?id=1077 .
