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National Eligibility Test for Yoga

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Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of institutions which offer a master's degree in yoga including proposed new Yoga Universities and the rules framed for appointment of yoga teachers;
- (b) whether a Committee on the subject has recommended for a National Eligibility Test for aspiring yoga teachers and also favoured experts from certain yoga institutes to teach in these Universities/ institutions, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said Committee has also suggested six courses in Central Universities and a separate faculty called yogic art and science in all such institutes of higher learning if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the response of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (d): As informed by the University Grants Commission(UGC), there are 25 Universities & 18 Colleges offering Master's Degree in Yoga(as per All India Survey of Higher Education(AISHE) provisional report 2014-15). UGC has notified Regulation, 2010 on Teacher's appointment which specify the rules for appointment of Associate Professor, Assistant Professor and Professor.

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The following two Yoga Universities are in UGC list:

- (i) Lokulish Yoga University, Ahmedabad
(ii) Swami Vivekanand Yoga Anusandhan Sansthan(Deemed to be University), Bangalore.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development has informed that a Committee was constituted by the Government on 15th January, 2016 on yoga education in universities under the chairpersonship of Prof. H. R. Nagendra, Chancellor, Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana, Samsthana, Bengaluru. The Terms of Reference(TOR) for the committee included prescribing qualification of faculty of yoga in Colleges and Universities and also to examine whether the existing qualifications for recruitment of the faculty in the Colleges and Universities as presently approved by the University Grants Commission(UGC), will need amendments.

The Committee in its report submitted on 19th April, 2015 has inter-alia recommended as follows:

I. appointment of a sub-committee to finalise the NET syllabus.

II. Implementation of seven programmes in universities viz. (i) Certificate Course in Yoga (CCY) of 6 to 12 months duration; (ii) Bachelor of Science (Yoga)- BSc. (Yoga) of 3 to 6 years; (iii) Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga (PGDY) of 1 to 2 years; (iv) Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga Therapy (PGDYT) of 1 to 2 years; (v) Masters of Science (MSc.) – Yoga of 2 years to 4 years; (vi) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) -Yoga of 3 years to 5 years; and (vii) Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) – Yoga of 4 to 6 years. The committee has also prescribed the qualifications for faculty of yoga. The committee has made other recommendations for promotion of yoga in universities.

The recommendations of the committee are being examined.

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