## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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FOUR YEAR DEGREE UNDER GRADUATE PROGRAMME
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## Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any university in the country has proposed to introduce four year degree/ under graduate programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any representation, opposing the proposal, has been received by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

## **Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The University of Delhi had introduced a Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) with effect from the academic session 2013-14. After evaluating the FYUP, the University Grants Commission (UGC) asked the University of Delhi vide its order d a t e d 20th June, 2014 to discontinue the programme. The order of the UGC is available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/3011108\_FYUP-of-Delhi-University.pdf.

The UGC further informed that, after it had asked the University of Delhi to discontinue Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP), it sought information regarding conduct of four year undergraduate general degree programs, from 7 universities, namely: O P Jindal University, Sonepat; Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Shiv Nadar University, Noida, Symbiosis International University, Pune; B.R. Ambedkar University, New Delhi; Ashoka University, Sonepat and Azim Premji University, Bangalore. The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Shiv Nadar University, Noida and Symbiosis International University, Pune reported that they are conducting 4 years BA and BS programmes.

(c) & (d): The Central Government was informed by the UGC that the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Shiv Nadar University, Noida and Symbiosis International University, Pune have been asked to discontinue Four Year BA and BS Programme and follow the UGC notification on specification of degrees.

The representations of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Shiv Nadar University, Noida and Symbiosis International University, Pune were forwarded to the UGC for appropriate action. The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has renamed its Four Year BS Programme as B.Sc. (Research). The UGC is the appropriate body to notify decision in this matter.