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CREDIT EQUIVALENT FRAMEWORK

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to launch the credit equivalent framework from Class 9-12 level and extend it to Ph.D. level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has advised universities to adopt the credit transfer system;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the universities thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for making the credit equivalent framework operationalized?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has launched Credit Framework for Skill and Education under National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) on 11.11.2014. This credit framework, aimed at promoting lateral and vertical mobility, is an effort to integrate skill and vocational development with mainstream general education. It is in the spirit of the education priority for Skills Assessment Matrix for Vocational Advancement of Youth (SAMVAY), where the thrust was on integrating mental and physical development by incorporating learning by doing, learning by observation and experiential learning. The NSQF has 10 levels, starting from class 9th onward, with varying proportion of vocational skill hours to academic class and lab hours allowing horizontal and vertical mobility. Levels 8-10 are aligned to Post Graduate degree and further.

The MHRD has framed guidelines through University Grant Commission (UGC) for adoption of choice-based Credit System, which is applicable to all under graduate and post graduate level degree, diploma and certificate programme awarded by Central, State and Deemed to be universities. These guidelines are also available on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in. The UGC has circulated the guidelines to the Vice- Chancellors of all Universities to adopt and introduce this system from the next academic year.