

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3038
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018

Convocation Attire

3038. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has appealed to Universities across the country to replace their British inspired convocation attire with traditional Indian clothes as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether many institutions of higher education introduced traditional attire for convocation ceremonies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has issued a letter to the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) requesting them to consider using handloom fabric for ceremonial dresses prescribed for special occasions like convocation etc. The letter is available on the UGC website at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5896148_Handloom-Fabric.pdf. Also, many universities have adopted Indian attire on their own volition.
