

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1946
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

Customized courses for Agniveers

**1946. Shri Niranjan Bishi:
Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to launch customized courses for the Agniveers to enable them pursue higher education/profession once their contract under Agnipath is over;
- (b) how such a programme will differ from equivalent conventional courses;
- (c) how does Government plan to compensate for the lost four years of education while the Agniveers are in service; and
- (d) whether Government will provide any assistance/preference to the Agniveers in providing employment or places in higher education institutions post the contract?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) to (d): Yes Sir, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has designed customized courses which recognizes in-service training as credits for Graduation degree for the eligible Defence Forces personnel including Agniveers.

IGNOU has prepared a specially designed 120-credit Bachelor's degree programme for the serving Defence Forces personnel including Agniveers, with a provision of giving up to 50% credit to the skill education/training (both technical and non-technical) imparted to them during service. The regulatory bodies – University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), National Council of Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) have given in principle approval.

A Bachelor's degree will be awarded on successful completion of the programme requirements as per prescribed norms. The degree will be equivalent to any other similar conventional course duly recognized by AICTE and UGC.
