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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 344**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

**Field work training in social work education**

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees with the view that the lack of integration of social work research and indigenous practices in social work education has emerged as a major challenge in social work education; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government keeping in view of the fact that the fieldwork training in social work education has been severely crippled by the pandemic, ever since it outbroke and the gap which existed between classroom teaching and fieldwork practicum has further widened?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has framed Learning Outcome based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) for social work at undergraduate level with the main objective of developing and disseminating knowledge, skills and values through education, field training and research necessary for promoting, maintaining and improving the functioning of individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities existing in the society. Field work practice, indigenous knowledge and rural education camp are part of LOCF for social work. The UGC has requested all Universities to adopt LOCF for social work.

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