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**Community College Scheme**

1810 **Smt. Sulata Deo:**

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Community Colleges recognized under this scheme;
- (b) the number of total graduates from these colleges; and
- (c) the number of vocational courses being offered?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (c) University Grants Commission (UGC) introduced a scheme of Community Colleges for Universities and Colleges in the year 2013-14 to offer skill-based programmes. One hundred and eighty eight Community Colleges were approved by UGC under the scheme. These Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) offer certificates and diplomas which lead up to advanced diploma level only. UGC has informed that three hundred and forty one vocational courses have been offered under the Community Colleges scheme. However, since 2019, no skill based programme has been approved as the schemes namely i) Community College, ii) B.Voc. Degree Programme and iii) Deen Dayal Upadhyay KAUSHAL Kendra served a common purpose and share similar objectives, were merged under National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) in the year 2019. National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) is a competency-based framework that organizes qualifications according to a series of knowledge, skills and aptitude. NSQF provides for vertical mobility from short term certificate courses to full-fledged post graduate degree programme, and further research in specialized areas.

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