

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 323
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018

Dress Code for Convocation Functions

323. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

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

- (a) the details regarding rules/regulations governing academic dress code for convocation functions of universities;
- (b) whether any State Government has requested for permission to replace the traditional convocation-gowns at University Convocations, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government intends to replace convocation gowns with Indian cultural attire and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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 not framed any rules/regulations governing academic dress code for convocation function etc. However, with a view to promote handloom industry in the country and to provide livelihood opportunity to lakhs of people living in the rural areas, the Central Government through University Grants Commission has requested Universities to consider using handloom fabric for ceremonial dresses prescribed for special occasions like convocation ceremony etc. UGC is in process of inviting designs of convocation attire from students and professionals and all such designs will be made available on website for all Universities.
