

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.4851  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

**University Education**

**4851. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:**  
**SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:**  
**SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any comprehensive strategy to bring about the Nation-wide common syllabus and curriculum for University Education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total grant sanctioned/ expenditure incurred in the last three years, year-wise for the various Universities under the University Grants Commission?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Although the Universities have the flexibility and freedom in designing their own curriculum and syllabi, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have prepared model curriculum in various disciplines for elective and compulsory courses with a view to enhancing quality in Higher Education. These courses' syllabi are reviewed periodically. UGC has also requested the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities to upgrade and review their curriculum every three years for making them more skill oriented and interdisciplinary and with a purpose of making the students employable. The introduction of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) is another important measure taken by UGC to enhance academic standards and quality in higher education through innovation and improvements in curriculum, teaching-learning process, examination and evaluation systems. CBCS provides a 'cafeteria' type approach in which the students can take courses of their choice, learn at their own pace, undergo additional courses, acquire credits, and adopt an interdisciplinary approach to learning. The courses in

such programmes are of three kinds – core, elective and foundation. The introduction of CBCS will ensure modulation of syllabi and semesterisation. UGC has so far designed syllabi templates for 91 mainline and 18 specialised courses.

(c): Details of Grants released to various Universities during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Grants released (Rs. in Crore)
2014-15	9713.80
2015-16	10069.78
2016-17	10454.94

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