

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1915
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018**

Professional Skill Learning

1915. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is working on a proposal to make professional skill learning a part of courses like BA and B.Com;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;
- (c) the time by which the new course would be introduced; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to enhance the employability of graduate courses offered in the countries?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE
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(a) to (c): The matter of introduction of B.A. (Professional), B.Sc. (Professional) and B.Com. (Professional) is under consideration.

(d): The other steps taken by the Government to enhance the employability of graduate courses offered in the country are: -

- (i) Community Colleges programme for training school drop outs and other youth in a mix of knowledge and vocational skills through AICTE and UGC approved institutions spread over the country. They comprise 40% General and 60% Skill components. These are courses of a flexible nature which, through an appropriate credit system, also enable secondary school drop outs to re-enter three year courses on successful completion.
- (ii) B.Voc. Degree is a regular 3 years' degree recognized by UGC where vocational education is imparted in 85 trades of different industry sectors in the country. 40% of the course is general while 60% is skill based. The skill content is in accordance with the National Occupational Standards developed by Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. Courses from Levels 1 to 6 in the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) are offered in B.Voc courses.
- (iii) Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY-TI), a substantial

number of Indian youth are given short term, industry relevant skill training which enables them to take up a livelihood means. The technical dimension of PMKVY are run through AICTE affiliated institutions.

- (iv) There are 63 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Kaushal Kendras in the country offering advanced skills of Levels 5 and above in the NSQF. These kendras, in addition to skilling, also work between Higher Education System and Industry as Centers of Excellence in Skill Development in specialised areas.
