

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2999  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

**Number of Colleges**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of colleges/ institutions that provided education and training in yoga and naturopathy during the last three years and the current year; and
- (b) the other measures being undertaken by the Government for standardization of teaching of yoga and naturopathy in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of AYUSH has informed that there are two institutes and one Council namely Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, National Institute of Naturopathy and Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy under their aegis that provide education and training in Yoga and Naturopathy. The Ministry of AYUSH has also formed a board for accreditation and certification of Yoga professionals.

Moreover, the Ministry of Human Resource Development had appointed a committee, under the chairpersonship of Prof. H.R. Nagendra, Chancellor, Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Bengaluru (S-VYASA) for making recommendations on Yoga Education in Universities. The Committee had prescribed curriculum for Yoga courses in its recommendations. As a follow up to the recommendations of the Committee, the Ministry had asked the University Grants Commission (UGC) to promote five Yoga courses in Universities and Colleges. Course and Course Code-wise duration of Yoga courses are as follows:

S.No.	Course	Course Code	Duration
1.	Bachelors of Science (Yoga)	B.Sc.(Yoga)	3 year to 6 year
2.	Masters of Science (Yoga)	M.Sc. (Yoga)	2 year to 4 year
3.	Doctor of Philosophy (Yoga)	PhD (Yoga)	As per the PhD

			duration specified by UGC
4.	Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga	PGDY	1 year to 2 year
5.	Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga Therapy	PGDYT	1 year to 2 year

The following Central Universities had been identified to start the Yoga Departments, subject to the approvals of the competent authorities of concerned Universities:

- (i) Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand;
- (ii) Visva Bharti Shantiniketan, West Bengal;
- (iii) Central University of Rajasthan;
- (iv) Central University of Kerala;
- (v) Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh; and
- (vi) Manipur University.

Further, UGC vide its letter dated 26.10.2016 requested all Universities to include AYUSH disciplines for enrolment of candidates in the Ph.D. programs. UGC has also included Yoga as a subject for National Eligibility Test (NET).

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