

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3095
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

Standardisation of Yoga Education

3095. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted/proposes to constitute any expert panel/committee for the standardisation of yoga education and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the time by which the said panel/ Committee is likely to submit its report;
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recognised yoga in the form of a full fledged curriculum at graduate and postgraduate level and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of full time or part time courses being run for preparing yoga instructors for universities/colleges;
- (e) whether there is no Central legislation for regulation of education and practice yoga and naturopathy systems and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps been 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 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.

(e) & (f): The Ministry of AYUSH has informed that there is no Central legislation for regulation of education and practice yoga and naturopathy system. However, the Ministry of AYUSH has taken up the issue of granting central registration to the Bachelors of Naturopathy and Yogic Science (BNYS) through Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy.
