

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2260  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018

**Centre for Yogic Sciences**

**2260. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:**

**SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

**SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:**

**SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:**

**SHRI S. RAJENDRAN: KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has any plans to establish an inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose for which centre is being established;
- (c) whether UGC had constituted a panel to assess the feasibility of establishing an inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the panel has submitted its report to the Government and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved the proposal for establishment of an Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences (IUC-YS) at Bengaluru. The purpose/objectives of the IUC-YS are (i) to strengthen the knowledge base of yoga and yogic sciences by generating new knowledge in yoga education; (ii) to develop a strong resource base on Yogic Sciences, using general and specialized research; (iii) to build information bank about the policies and practices in yoga education in India and abroad; (iv) to develop strategies for academic empowerment and appraisal of teachers, instructors and institutions involved in yoga education; (v) to make the facilities of the Centre accessible to researchers from all over the country; (vi) to provide on-line guidance and assistance to researchers in yoga education; (vii) to develop networking arrangements with other institutions working in the field of yoga education;

(viii) to promote and support yoga activities in the country through seminars and workshops; (ix) to disseminate the benefits of yoga and its practices arrived at by scientific means.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The UGC had constituted a Committee on establishment of Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences under the chairmanship of Prof. Mihir K Chaudhuri, former Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University. The Committee submitted its report on 18.09.2017 and recommended for establishment of Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences.

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