

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

**LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018**

Professional Programmes for Students

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

- (a) whether the Government would introduce three new professional programmes imparting over 1000 hours of industry linked training for students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which these professional programmes will be started;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to review career oriented add-on courses in traditional universities and colleges and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the technical support of Philanthropic Foundations and the Indian Centres for Research and Development of Community Education (ICRDCE) is proposed to be taken to create a robust framework for skill-based education within the higher education sector in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) whether the assessment of vocational skills and training provided by Community Colleges is being done in accordance with assessment protocols developed by sector skill councils and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) to (c): With the objective of integrating skills into mainstream education and enhancing the employability of graduates, a programme for providing apprenticeship and skills linkage to Higher Education Youth is under consideration. Under this scheme, skill embedded professional programmes, B.A. (Professional), B. Sc. (Professional), B. Com (Professional) and BBA in certain selected sectors would be introduced for imparting industry-linked training, soft skills and basic curriculum for students.

(d) : To recast the vocationalisation programme at undergraduate level University Grants Commission (UGC) under a modified scheme of 'Career Oriented Programme' has introduced a flexible system of certificate/diploma/advanced diploma programme, which run parallel to the conventional B.A., B.Com. and B.Sc. degrees. The Universities/colleges may formulate their own, 'Need-Based', Career-oriented courses to introduce career and market-oriented, skill enhancing add-on courses that have utility for job, self-employment and empowerment of the students. At the end of three years, the students will be equipped with a Certificate/Diploma/ Advanced diploma in an add-on orientation course along with a conventional degree in Science/ Arts/Commerce.

(e) & (f): There is no such proposal to take the technical support of Philanthropic Foundations and the Indian Centres for Research and Development of Community Education (ICRDCE).

(g): The assessment of vocational skills and training provided to students under Community College Scheme run by Polytechnics is being done by the respective Board/University. There is no role of Sector Skill Council.
