

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4641
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019

Environment Education in Universities

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make environment as a mandatory subject in Universities and Higher Education Institutes;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard, so far; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has framed an 8 unit module syllabus for Ability in Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC-Environment Studies) under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). The UGC has requested the Universities from time to time to take appropriate steps to introduce courses on Environmental Studies and compulsory implementation of module syllabus on Environmental Studies for Under Graduate course of all branches of Higher Education in Universities and Colleges. Universities are autonomous bodies established under Central/State/Provincial Acts and the onus of formulation and revision of syllabus lies with these Universities.

Further, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched Model Curriculum in Engineering in which Environment Science is a mandatory subject and Universities are asked to implement the Model Curriculum after making suitable changes as per the local requirement and expertise of the Institutes/Universities. Suitable books have been prescribed for it. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) on Environment Science are also available on SWAYAM Portal.
