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

(a) whether it is true that a committee headed by Shri M.M. Salukhe had suggested to a new national board (UGC) to conduct the examination on-demand system;

(b) whether the new national board will address the needs of millions of students country wide;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the purpose and motive to bring the new system of on-demand exam; and

(e) the salient features of the proposed new on-demand exam?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')

(a): Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission has informed that the Committee has suggested for the establishment of a National Board to conduct Examination On-Demand.

(b) & (c): This system is envisaged to provide flexibility to the students, specially those enrolled under open and distance education mode, to undertake assessment based upon their readiness.

(d) & (e): The Committee has recommended the following salient features for this system:

(i) Related syllabus, study material and question banks to be made available to the candidates;

(ii) Open to all, no age limit, minimum requirements of eligibility etc;

(iii) Use of technology/automation;

(iv) Ensure highest dependability, openness, reliability, transparency and recognition.

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