

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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National Council for Social Work Education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy to make the Social Work subject popular;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to constitute a National Council for Social Work Education also in future; and
- (c) the number of Universities throughout the Country in which the education of Social Work is being imparted at present?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) across the country are imparting education in social work discipline at doctoral, master's, bachelor's and certificate levels. The UGC has framed Learning Outcomes based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) for Social Work Syllabus at undergraduate level, with the objective of preparing a uniform pattern in terms of Model Syllabus for the institutions imparting social work education at the UG level.

Further, UGC has framed the guidelines on National Curriculum Framework on Fostering Social Responsibility and Community Engagement in HEIs. The framework recommends that each HEI conducts a compulsory course to provide community engagement to all undergraduate and post graduate students.

(b): At present, no such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.

(c): The UGC has informed that there are 181 Universities offering different programmes in the discipline of Social work.
