

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1962
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2022**

National Education Policy, 2020

1962. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Education Policy, 2020 has recommended a revamp of the higher education in the country to made education more student-centric and multi-disciplinary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a new initiative, namely, Academic Bank of Credits in higher education has been recently notified by the University Grants Commission for implementation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. The National Education Policy, 2020 has recommended a revamp of the higher education in the country to make education more student-centric and multi-disciplinary. It aims to pave way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems in the country. The policy envisions a complete overhaul and re-energizing of the higher education system to overcome existing challenges and thereby deliver good quality higher education with equity and inclusion. Some of the salient features of National Education Policy 2020 for higher education inter-alia includes the following:-

- (i) Increasing GER in higher education to 50%;
- (ii) Holistic Multidisciplinary Education with multiple entry/exit options;
- (iii) NTA to offer Common Entrance Exam for Admission to HEIs;
- (iv) Establishment of Academic Bank of Credit;
- (v) 'Light but Tight' regulation;
- (vi) Equitable and inclusive education - Special emphasis given on Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups(SEDGs);
- (vii) Exposure of vocational education in school and higher education system;

(c) and (d): Yes Sir. UGC has issued 'UGC (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulation, 2021'. Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) has been set up and Guidelines on Multiple Entry/Exit have been issued on 29.07.2021, to promote flexibility of

curriculum framework and interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary academic mobility of students across the Higher Education Institutions in the country with appropriate 'Credit Transfer' mechanism. The ABC portal (<https://www.abc.gov.in/>) is open for registration of both Students and Universities.
