

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.218
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016**

Yoga in Central Universities

218. DR. P.VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMANRESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to start new or revamped yoga departments at six central universities from the coming academic year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to start yoga classes at school level also and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) is also considering to include National Eligibility Test (NET) exam for yogic sciences to address the issue of finding teachers for this subject; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SH. PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) Yes, Madam. The following Central Universities have been identified to start the Yoga Department from the academic session 2016-17, subject to the approvals of the competent authorities of concerned Universities:

1. Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University,
2. Visva Bharati,
3. Central University of Rajasthan,
4. Central University of Kerala,
5. Indira Gandhi National Tribal University and
6. Manipur University

(b) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 recommends Yoga as an integral part of Health and Physical Education. National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has also included the content of Yoga from Classes VI onwards in the integrated syllabi on Health and Physical Education. As regards schools affiliated with Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Yoga is taught under Physical Education Curriculum in all its affiliated Higher Secondary schools.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission has constituted an expert committee to draft the syllabus for NET examination in the subject of Yoga.
