

Commission (UGC) is implementing a scheme titled “Introduction of Career Oriented Courses (COCs)” in Universities and Colleges in the country to encourage incorporation of skill oriented and value added add-on-courses in Colleges/Universities at Certificate/Diploma/Advance Diploma level. COCs run concurrently with conventional degrees like B.A./B.Com/B.Sc. The guidelines of the scheme are at <http://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/xiplanpdf/revisedcareerorientedcourses.pdf>. Under the scheme, UGC provides financial assistance to Universities/Colleges, eligible to receive grants from the UGC, for introduction of COCs. The Universities/Colleges, which have introduced COCs, are provided with a financial assistance of ₹ 7.00 lakhs as “Seed Money” for five years for Humanities and Commerce stream and ₹ 10.00 lakhs as “Seed Money” for five years for Science Stream. As on date, 6 Universities and 516 Colleges have been approved by the UGC for grant-in-aid for 793 Courses under this scheme.

The UGC is also implementing the scheme of Community Colleges in Universities and Colleges to impart skill based vocational education and training to learners through credit based modular programmes with industry partnership. The guidelines of the scheme are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5091249_Community-College-Revised-Guidelines-FINAL.pdf. As on date, there are 157 institutions approved by the UGC, under this scheme, catering to the needs of 76 skill sectors.

Change in examination system of class X

683. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry plans to change the existing examination system of class X held by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and plans to make changes to the current curriculum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of other upcoming changes to CBSE curriculum?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) Currently, Ministry of Human Resource Development have no fructified plans to change the existing examination system of class X of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). However, CBSE reviews the curriculum for updation from time to time.