

(c) whether there is any scheme of coaching for minority community students in preparation of UGC-NET examination; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Ministry has any future plan regarding this?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) No, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it does not provide assistance in preparing/drafting proposals for JRF qualified students in arts stream during enrolment for Ph.D programme.

(b) In view of above does not arise.

(c) and (d) The UGC is providing financial assistance for coaching for National Eligibility Test (NET)/ State Eligibility Test (SET) for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) and Minorities. The guidelines of the scheme are at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1910509_Guidelines-for-Coaching-Schemes-university.pdf and http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5954069_Guidelines-WH.pdf for Universities and Colleges, respectively.

Choice based credit system and NSQF

1152. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to establish a choice based credit system and National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its salient features; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for recognition of various skills in the form of certifications as the main component of credit framework?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has notified the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) on 27th December, 2013. The NSQF is composed of ten levels, each representing a different level of complexity, knowledge and autonomy required to demonstrate the competence commensurate with that level. Level one of the framework represents the lowest complexity while level ten represents the highest complexity. Each NSQF level is defined by a set of descriptors expressed as learning outcomes. The NSQF also provide for National Occupational Standards (NOS) to define the measurable performance outcomes required from an individual engaged in a particular task. The NSQF also deals with curriculum packages, horizontal and vertical mobility of the learners, etc. The NSQF is available at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/NSQF%20NOTIFICATION.pdf.

The UGC has also published the guidelines on Credit Framework for Skill Development (CFSD) at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6925009_SkillNSQF.pdf for assessment of Skill Component and general education component, for levels 4, 5, 6, 7 corresponding to Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and B. Voc degree, respectively, in Vocational Courses under NSQF.

(c) As per the CFSD, the skill component of the course will be assessed and certified by the respective Sector Skill Councils. In case, there is no Sector Skill Council for a specified trade, the assessment may be done by an allied Sector Council or the Industry partner. The certifying bodies may comply with and obtain accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) set up under Quality Council of India (QCI). Wherever the university/college may deem fit, it may issue a joint certificate for the courses with the respective Sector Skill Councils.

Appointment of Vice Chancellor of NEHU

1153. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the premier educational institution in the North-East, the North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) is functioning without a Vice Chancellor for more than a year;

(b) whether the Acting Head is not competent to take major decisions for academic, financial and administrative matters and if so, this has been adversely affecting the functioning of the university;

(c) whether many senior faculty members are holding dual positions, adding to work load and affecting moral, since promotions have been kept on hold for more than a year; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to resolve the issues?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Yes, Sir. However, consequent upon the acceptance of resignation of Prof. A.N. Rai from the post of Vice Chancellor of North Eastern Hill University, Shillong (NEHU), the senior most Professor of the NEHU, Prof. P. Shukla is holding the charge of the post of Vice Chancellor of the University. Ministry has already started the process of selection of a regular Vice Chancellor of the University.

(b) The incharge Vice Chancellor of the NEHU can take all routine administrative, financial and academic decisions of the University. As of now, there