

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:916  
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NEW COURSES AT GRADUATE LEVEL  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the UGC has, in principle, approved new courses at the graduate level in universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a high level meeting of the UGC was held recently to approve such courses;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any funding is likely to be provided by UGC to encourage universities to adopt such courses; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A, FATMI)

- (a): Yess Sir.
- (b): Details of such courses are given in the Statement attached as Annexure.
- (c) & (d): University Grants Commission has appointed subject-wise Expert Committees to consider the proposals received from various universities/colleges for induction of proposed innovative courses for UGC assistance under the scheme of `Teaching and Research in Interdisciplinary and Emerging Areas.`.
- (e) & (f): The UGC provides financial assistance on 100% basis for starting innovative courses in interdisciplinary and emerging areas. The funds may be provided for most essential and critical requirements of laboratory equipment, contingency, staff etc. The limit of the financial assistance will be Rs.50.00 lakhs for non-recurring, the recurring items plusstaff (for courses only) on actual basis.