

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

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POST GRADUATE COURSES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to start any scheme for Post Graduate Courses in the fields of land and water conservation, Agricultural Bio- technology, forestry, Environmental Science and Technology, Dairy and Seed Technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering any proposal for the development of South Campus of Banaras Hindu University (BHU);
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether under the said scheme a fund of rupees 192 crore has been proposed to implement educational schemes for Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWASI)

(a) to (f): Universities are free to design and introduce academic courses at all levels. The Banaras Hindu University has proposed to start the following Post Graduate (PG) courses at its South Campus from the Session 2007-08:-

- i) Soil and water Conservation
- ii) Biotechnology for Agriculture
- iii) Agro-forestry
- iv) Environmental Science and Technology
- v) Dairy Technology
- vi) Seed Technology

The Banaras Hindu University has recently submitted a proposal for development of its South Campus at Barkachha, Mirzapur, involving an expenditure of Rs. 192.00 crore spread over a period of five years. Besides development of infrastructure, the proposal includes introduction of several new courses in the said Campus, which are likely to benefit students from the surrounding areas covering parts of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Chhattisgarh. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved an amount of Rs. 16.00 crore for the purpose during the current financial year out of which Rs. 12.00 crore have already been released. The UGC has been advised to include the remaining in its XIth Plan proposals.