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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) provides grants and financial assistance to the Universities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, year-wise and university- wise including universities in Rajasthan;
- (c) whether the proposals pertaining to vocational training submitted by Kota University in Rajasthan are under the consideration of the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes , Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) provides grants and financial assistance to Universities declared fit under section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 to receive grants.

(b): The details of grants and financial assistance, provided to the various Universities by the UGC, during 11-12 and 12-13, year-wise and University wise, including universities in Rajasthan are available in the Annual Report of the UGC laid before the Parliament and is placed at annexure.

(c) & (d): The UGC has started its scheme on skill development based higher education as part of college/university education leading to vocational bachelor (B.Voc degree) with multiple exits such as Diploma/Advanced Diploma under the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF). As per information available on the UGC website at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/3852607_ListofApprovedNotapprovedinstitutionforBVoc.pdf, the University of Kota, Rajasthan had applied to the UGC for financial assistance under the scheme. However, the University's proposal was not approved by the UGC.

The UGC also implements the scheme of Career Oriented Courses in Universities and Colleges to ensure that the graduates who pass out after completing these courses, have knowledge, skills and aptitude for gainful employment. The UGC has informed that the University of Kota, Rajasthan has not submitted any proposal for financial assistance under the scheme of Career Oriented Courses (COC).