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CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

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Several Universities have adopted Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) by following the laid down process of adoption by their statutory bodies. Taking into account various issues and concerns regarding CBCS, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has laid down detailed template for adoption of CBCS. The template is at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4426331_Instructional-Template.pdf.

Shortage of teachers arises from a number of factors, primarily vacancies in faculty positions. The implementation of CBCS is not a causal factor, since the student-teacher ratio has not been altered under the CBCS. The Central Government has urged various State Governments to fill up the faculty positions at the earliest. The UGC has also directed the Central Universities to fill up the vacant faculty positions at the earliest.

The UGC has informed that no such incident came to the notice of UGC in case of Central Universities.

The UGC has further informed that none of the Central Universities have reported increase in working hours due to the introduction of the CBCS.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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