

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government have recently widened the scope of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) i.e., Institute of People's Education ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which the revised scheme is likely to be beneficial for the people living in rural and backward areas of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Previously, the scheme of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) was restricted to urban and semi-urban industrial areas. Presently their area of operation has been expanded to rural areas also covering the entire district in which it is located. Further, the focus of JSS has shifted from urban industrial workers and their family members to the numerous neo-literates and unskilled and unemployed youth. Now, the JSS has to act as district level resource support agency for organizing vocational training programmes for neo-literates and other target groups of the Continuing Education Scheme.

(c) JSS organizes educational and vocational training programmes for socio-economically backward and educationally disadvantaged groups in such areas to provide them new skills leading to employment / self employment and income generation.