

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

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SCHOLARSHIP TO SCHOOL DROP-OUTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NCERT has decided to provide 100 scholarships to schools drop-outs who have completed VII/VIII but could not complete their studies due to financial or family constraints;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the selection process adopted by the NCERT; and
- (c) the extent to which this scheme is likely to improve the position of drop-outs from class VII/VIII?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Under the Scheme of National Talent Search Scholarship for drop-outs, NCERT has offered 100 scholarships for a period of one year only on a trial basis for children who have dropped out of regular schooling after class VIII. The selection process would be similar to that in the present Talent Search Scheme.
- (c) The students are expected to join mainstream schooling from Class XI onwards.