

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:26  
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2006  
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
Barman Shri Hiten

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

- (a) the present policy of the Government to propagate vocational education in the country;
- (b) the details of amount allocated/ granted to various States, particularly West Bengal, to start vocational courses in the Colleges and Universities during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) details of achievements made so far in this respect?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 26 DATED 25.7.2006 ASKED BY SHRI HITEN BARMAN, M.P. REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

(a) The present policy of the Government is to organize vocational courses at the tertiary level so as to ensure that students who graduate from vocational courses possess knowledge, skills and aptitude for gainful employment.

(b) The State-wise details of amount allocated/ sanctioned to the colleges/ Universities to start vocational courses under the Career Oriented Programme of the University Grants Commission during the last three years i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, are at Annexure-I, Annexure-II and Annexure-III respectively.

(c) The number of students enrolled under the University Grants Commission's scheme of Career Oriented Programme during 2005-06 is approximately 33,360, and the number of courses offered is 108 in the streams of Arts/Social Sciences, 54 in Commerce and 146 in Science streams.