

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

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SETTING UP OF FUND FOR TALENTED STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a fund for nurturing the unnoticed talents of the schools/colleges so that talent of students is tapped;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the fund has been established;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by when it is likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e): The Government is implementing the `Bal Shree Scheme` through National Bal Bhawan, to identify the creative talent of children and to find out ways and means of nurturing their creativity. Ministry of Human Resource Development is also implementing National Merit Scholarship Scheme, under which financial assistance is provided to the States/ UT administrations for awarding scholarships to meritorious students of rural areas studying in Classes IX and X and also to meritorious students studying at post matric to post graduate levels in schools and colleges.