

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has started incentive for school drop outs to go back to school in 2006 and stay on till the Ph. D Degree;
- (b) if so, whether in an attempt to make the national talent promotion scheme more inclusive the NCERT has decided to offer scholarships to the class VII drop out from schools;
- (c) if so, whether under the national talent promotion scheme the NCERT will give 100 scholarships to the drop out students after class VII and VIII;
- (d) if so, whether such scheme is likely to be made available throughout the country; and
- (e) whether the state level commission for scholarship is likely to be established during May 2006;and
- (f) ifso, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) NCERT has introduced National Talent Promotion Scheme (NTPS) for school drop outs for a period of one year only on trial basis during 2005-06. The scheme offers 100 scholarships for children who have dropped from regular schooling after class VIII. The scheme is applicable throughout the country. Identification of talent comprises of two-stage selection process. While the individual States/UTs conducted the first stage selection, on November, 26-27, 2005 the second stage National Level NTPS is to be held by NCERT on May 14, 2006.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.