

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

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SCHEME TO DEVELOP HIDDEN TALENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to formulate a scheme to develop hidden talent among rural poor students of the country particularly of the Madhya Pradesh at college level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): While there is no such specific Scheme, the XI Plan document envisages, among other things, schemes to assist in the establishment of model degree colleges in 374 identified educationally backward districts and incentivize State Governments to establish new universities or colleges or expand existing institutions with focus on undercovered areas. Individual beneficiary schemes including a scheme to provide interest subsidy for the period of moratorium on Educational Loans taken by students from economically weaker sections from Scheduled Banks to pursue technical/professional education studies.