

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

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POLYTECHNIC TRAINING CENTRES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to impart employment oriented skill development training to the rural people, deprived sections and workers of the unorganised sector through polytechnic institutes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to set up such training centres in the rural areas to facilitate the rural masses;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has launched a new Plan Scheme called "Community Development Through Polytechnics" in the existing Polytechnics, for offering short term non formal skill development courses in various fields to the local community. This Scheme aims to enhance the employability of various sections of society including rural, women, minorities and other disadvantaged sections of society. The Scheme is implemented through selected, AICTE approved Polytechnics. Selected Polytechnics offer these training courses in their premises, as well as through 5-10 extension centres, in nearby locations, including rural areas. Courses under the Scheme are offered free of cost to the participants. There is no restriction of age, gender and qualification for participants in these courses.