

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3261  
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2010  
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION  
Laguri Shri Yashbant Narayan Singh

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has launched/proposes to launch any scheme to impart professional/technical education to tribal people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Vocational Training in Tribal Areas" under which grant-in-aid is provided to State Governments/UT Administrations and NGOs for setting up and running of Vocational Training Centres. The main aim of this scheme is to upgrade the skills of tribal youth in various traditional/modern vocations depending upon their educational qualification, present economic trends and the market potential. The total period of said training is one year. Under this scheme each boy/ girl is trained in one trade of his/her choice, the course being of a maximum six months' duration and at the end of six months he/she is attached to a Master Craftsman to learn his skill by practical experience.