

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:145
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2010
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced/proposes to introduce any centrally sponsored scheme for promoting vocational education especially for women in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds earmarked and utilized so far in the Eleventh Plan in this regard; and
- (d) The steps taken by the Government to promote vocational education in rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 FOR ANSWER ON 04.08.2010 ASKED BY SHRI ARJUN RAY AND SHRIMATI RAJKUMARI RATNA SINGH REGARDING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS.

(a) and (b): The centrally sponsored scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education was first introduced in year 1987-88. Under the scheme, financial assistance is given for introduction of vocational courses in Government and Government aided higher secondary schools. The scheme is applicable to girls in rural areas as well. Till the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan, this assistance has been availed of by 9619 schools.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced several vocational courses in the higher secondary stage. During the current session 2010-11, vocational courses have been introduced by CBSE on hospitality and tourism, mass media studies and media production, and geospatial technology.

(c): There is an allocation of Rs.2000 crore for the scheme during the 11th Five Year Plan. No grant has been released since the beginning of the current Plan, as the scheme is under revision.

(d): Curriculum has been designed for about 150 vocational courses and several of these courses are related to agriculture and rural areas.