

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

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VOCATIONAL COURSES FOR INHABITANTS OF LAKHSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to start vocational courses for the inhabitants of the Lakshadweep Island in view of their poor economic and peculiar geographical conditions restricting their movement to other main land areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As part of the Sub-Mission on Polytechnics under Coordinated Action for skill development, this Ministry provides one time financial assistance of Rs.12.30 crore to State Government or UT Administration for setting up a new polytechnic in an unserved or underserved district in the country. An initial grant Rs.2.00 crore has been released during 2009-10 to the Union Territory of Lakshadweep under this scheme.