

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

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REVIVAL OF HERITAGE SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether NCERT has drawn up a scheme to revive and sustain alternative tradition of education;
- (b) if so, whether there is any plan to revive heritage schools;
- (c) if so, the steps taken so far by the Union Government in this regard;
- (d) the financial help provided under the scheme; and
- (e) the other major features of the scheme?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) had taken up a programme, for revival of heritage schools. These schools are selected from among those(i) founded during Indian freedom movement inspired by nationalist educational philosophy,(ii) representing a heritage of innovative pedagogy, (iii) having innovative learning material using local knowledge, (iv) inculcating dignity of labour,(v) attempting all round development of personalities,(vi) engaging actively with local community and (vii) instilling values of democratic participation. During 2007-08, five schools were supported with financial assistance of Rs.2 lakh each.