

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

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OPENING OF COLLEGES

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce vocational studies in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that about 20 million children go to schools but only 12.4 per cent out of them go to colleges;
- (d) if so, whether the number of colleges across the country is less than the actual requirement as a result of which many 12th Standard pass outs are unable to get the admission in colleges;
- (e) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of colleges across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education which was introduced in 1987-88, financial assistance is given for introduction of vocational courses in Government and Government aided higher secondary schools.

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

(c) As per Statistics of School Education (2007-08) published by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the enrolment at the school level (classes 1 to 12) during 2007-08 was 23.72 crore as on 30.9.2007. Out of this, 2.82 crore children studied at the secondary stage (classes 9 and 10) and 1.59 crore was the enrolment at the higher secondary stage (classes 11 and 12). As per Selected Educational Statistics 2006-07, the gross enrolment ratio for higher education, i.e., the ratio of the enrolment in higher educational institutions to the total population in the age group 18-24 was 12.4%.

(d) to (f) As per the statistics maintained by University Grants Commission in 2008-09, there were 25951 colleges in the country. There has been an increase of 44% in the number of colleges between 2004-05 and 2008-09. Higher education is also imparted through distance mode. Colleges are generally established and run by the State Governments, educational Societies and Trusts etc. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishing one model degree college in each of the 374 districts with Gross Enrolment Ratio lower than the national GER has been launched with one-third of the capital investment of Rs.8.00 crore (one-half for special category status) being met by the Central Government.