

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

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EMPLOYMENT ORIENTED EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is working on any proposal for making education employment oriented from class VIIIth onwards with the expansion of education;
- (b) if so, the blue-print thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (c) whether any study has been got conducted by the experts before carrying out such expansion; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) envisages introduction of vocational education programmes to enhance individual employability and to reduce the mismatch between the demand and supply of skilled manpower. It recommends that vocational education should be a distinct stream and that the courses should ordinarily be provided after the secondary stage, but keeping the scheme flexible, these may also be made available after class VIII. Accordingly, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Vocationalisation of Secondary Education" was introduced in 1987-88. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to State Government to introduce vocational courses at the higher secondary stage in Government and Government aided schools.