

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce vocational education as a full-fledged discipline in the Government schools in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has allocated funds during the 11th Five Year Plan period for the centrally sponsored scheme of vocationalisation of secondary education in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated/utilized by various States so far during the above plan period;and
- (e) the number of schools who have so far introduced vocational education in various States?

Answer

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

- (a): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Vocationalisation of Secondary Education", vocational stream has already been introduced at the higher secondary stage and is available in several Government schools.
- (b) and (c): There is an allocation of Rs.2000 crore for the Centrally Sponsored scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education during the 11th Five Year Plan.
- (d) No grant has been released under the scheme in the 11th Plan, as the scheme is under revision.
- (e): Till the end of 10th Plan period, 9619 schools have availed of financial assistance under the scheme to introduce vocational education at the higher secondary stage.