

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

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS
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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 Government schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria for selection of Government schools for introduction of vocational education;
- (d) the time by which it is proposed to be introduced; and
- (e) the proposed allocation under the scheme?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) envisaged vocational education to be a distinct stream at the higher secondary stage. Financial assistance is provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education for imparting vocational courses in Government and Government aided higher secondary schools.
- (c): Selection of schools for introduction of vocational stream is made by the State Governments.
- (d): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education was introduced in 1987-88.
- (e): There is an allocation of Rs. 2000 crore for the scheme during the 11th Five Year Plan.