

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

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

- (a) whether the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti on the lines of its proposed science magnet schools, plans such specialist schools for three more disciplines, arts and culture, sports and vocational training;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of science magnet schools approved and the proposed locations thereof;
- (d) whether the specialist schools will be located near science hubs such as BARC, IISc and IITs which have agreed to help mentor the students;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government had examined the functions of similar specialist schools running in other foreign countries including Thailand; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) to (e) There is a proposal to set up 10 residential Science Magnet schools with classes 9 to 12. The exact locations of the proposed schools and the mentoring scientific institutions have not been decided as yet.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise.