

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

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VOCATIONAL PH. D. DEGREE PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch a vocational Ph. D. degree programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government will come forward to wrap up its plan to bring such programme so as to maintain the merit/status of the Ph. D. degree; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The working document of the National Vocational Educations Qualifications Framework (NVEQF) prepared by the Ministry of Human Resource Development lays down 10 qualification levels ranging from 1-10, with level 10 being equivalent to a doctorate degree.