

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES  
Gorakhnath Shri

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of performance of vocational training centres in tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make these training courses more effective?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A study of Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Scheme in the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Odisha, Kerala and Assam had been conducted by Indian Institute of Public Administration in 2006-07. The main recommendations of the study are as follows:

- (i) The Vocational Training Centre (VTC) Scheme may be continued as it is serving the desired objectives to a large extent.
- (ii) Any training should aim at developing the skills of the people in their existing occupations. Shift from the existing occupation must take the local needs into consideration and it should not be out of context.
- (iii) There is the need to sensitize the state and district officials of the tribal development involved in implementing the VTC scheme.
- (iv) VTC Scheme must focus on modernization of Agriculture and development of Agro and forest-based Enterprises, as most of the Tribal people are still dependent on agriculture and minor forest products.
- (v) More and more women-friendly trades should be introduced such as Computer, Fashion Technology/Design, Interior Designing, Hospitality, Cutting, Tailoring and Embroidery, Medical Transcription and Training for working in Call Centres.
- (vi) Before introducing vocational training in various trades, a market survey should be done to ensure the relevance and the marketability of the trades.

(c): In order to make the vocational training Centres more effective, the scheme has been revised w.e.f. 1.4.2009. In the revised scheme (i) Financial assistance under the scheme has been enhanced (ii) instead of training in two trades, the trainee receives training in one trade of his/her choice. The training duration is extended to one year instead of six months (iii) In addition to already established Vocational Training Centres and institutions, State Govt. may also recommend training of ST candidates in private recognized institutions. Preference is given to those institutions which guarantee placement/employment after completion of training.