

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

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QUALITY EDUCATION IN MADARSAS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any scheme for providing quality education in Madarasas in the country in the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria for inclusion of the institutions in Government List;
- (d) the number of requests received so far from the Madarasas for providing financial assistance under this scheme, State-wise; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government on such requests?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) The Government of India launched a Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) in the XI Five Year Plan with effect from October, 2008 with an aim to bring about qualitative improvement in Madrasas to enable Muslim children attain standards of the national education system in formal education subjects. SPQEM encourages Madrasas to introduce modern subjects like Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum, so that students can attain academic proficiency in these subjects up to senior secondary level. The process of modernization of Madrasas and Makhtabs is voluntary.
- (c) Madrasas which have been in existence at least for three years and registered under Central or State Government Acts of Madrasa Board or with Wakf Boards or NIOS shall be eligible to apply for assistance under this programme.
- (d) & (e) A State-wise statement on the number of requested under SPQEM received so far and action taken by the Government thereon is at Annexure.