

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

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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

- (a) whether the National Institute of Open Schooling has organised a conference on Integration of Academic Courses with Vocational Education in Secondary Schools in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of the theme of the said conference;
- (c) whether there is a need to redefine the Vocational Education and Training in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps so far taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes sir. One of the issues discussed in the conference, organized by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), was on the vocational skills and training to empower citizens. The importance of integration of vocational education with school curriculum was stressed upon in the conference.

(c)&(d): Ministry of Human Resource Development has taken steps to redefine Vocational Education and Training (VET) by providing multiple entry and exit, horizontal and vertical mobility and introduction of demand driven vocational courses.