

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

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the proposal to start vocational courses from school to graduate level is under consideration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the concurrence of the States has been sought in this regard and their suggestions have been included therein;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the difference in the concurrence given by the States;
- (f) whether any State has expressed its disagreement over the said proposal;
- (g) if so, the points on which the States agree and disagree; and
- (h) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Ministry is in the process of developing the National Vocational Qualification Framework (NVEQF) which would set common principles for imparting vocational education in the country in schools, vocational education & training institutes and institutes of higher education.

(c) to (g) Extensive consultations have been held with the States including in meetings of State Education Ministers and Central Advisory Board on Education (CABE). The Framework has received unanimous endorsement from the States. The Group of State Education Ministers in charge of Vocational Education constituted by the Ministry of HR has also prepared a road map for implementation of the NVEQF. The States have been urged to identify courses which are locality specific for implementation within the NVEQF.

(h) The NVEQF would be implemented after approval of Cabinet.