

**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) the number of Government vocational schools at plus two level which are functioning in the country including Tamil Nadu as on date;
- (b) the grants released by the Government to these schools during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to increase the number of vocational schools?

Answer

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

- (a) Information is being collected from the States/UTs.
- (b) No grant was released to State Governments/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme " Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education" from 2007-08 to 2010-11, since the scheme was under revision. The revised scheme was approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 15.09.2011 and an amount of Rs.16.51 Cr has been released to the States in 2011-12.
- (c) The revised Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) provides assistance to States for strengthening of existing and establishment of new vocational education sections in mainstream schools both in Government sector and in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The vocational education courses being imparted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) also contribute to extending Vocational Education in Higher Secondary Schools.