

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF WORKFORCE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a stark contrast between increasing demand for higher levels of education and the educational attainment of the workforce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to bridge the gap in future ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per reports in the media, in September 2011, the World Bank had highlighted the need to create more jobs in South Asia including India observing that there is stark contrast between increasing demand for higher levels of education and the educational attainment of the workforce. However, the report mentions it in the context of entire South Asia and not India alone.

(c): The Ministry has developed National Vocational Education Qualification Framework (NVEQF), which would set common principles and guidelines for a nationally recognised qualification system in close partnership with the National Skill Development Corporation. This would facilitate horizontal and vertical mobility, multiple entry and exit for students between formal and vocational education.