

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

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ENVIRONMENT AS A SUBJECT  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to incorporate Environment as a subject in industrial and technical education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start an awareness campaign among the citizens in the Country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The Hon'ble Supreme Court directive of 2003 making environment as a compulsory subject in all classes in schools up to higher secondary level has created considerable awareness amongst the citizens. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has approved four courses at Under Graduate level and seven courses in the Post Graduation level related to environmental studies in engineering colleges. Environmental Studies is offered as one of the subjects in some of the programmes although it is not a mandatory course in Technical Education curriculum. Centrally Funded Technical Institutes such as the IITs / NITs also have environment studies as part of their curriculum.