

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

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OPENING OF COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce vocational studies in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that about 20 million children go to schools but only 12.4 per cent out of them go to colleges;
- (d) if so, whether the number of colleges across the country is less than the actual requirement as a result of which many 12th standard passouts are unable to get the admission in colleges;
- (e) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of colleges across the country?

Answer

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

(a)to(b) Yes Sir. Financial assistance is provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education" for imparting vocational education in classes XI-XII of mainstream schools. The components include strengthening of existing schools and establishment of vocational sections in new schools of the State Governments, assistance to private schools under PPP mode and to NGOs for innovative practices in vocational education.

(c) Approximate Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students enrolled in higher education as a percentage of the population in the age group of 18-23 years was 15 percent during 2009-10.

(d)to(f) There are 33,023 colleges in the country as on 1.1.2011. The Government has launched a new scheme for setting up of model degree colleges in each of the 374 Educationally Backward Blocks having GER less than 12.4%. According to the University Grants Commission, 86 proposals have been approved under this scheme.