

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

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EMPLOYMENT ORIENTED HIGHER EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the higher education is not employment oriented due to which unemployment has been rising rapidly among the highly educated persons in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the World Bank has given any statement with regard to higher education in India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make the present education system including higher education, employment oriented and the success achieved by the Government as a result thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) & (b): There are various socio-economic reasons which contribute to rise in levels of unemployment, of which lack of adequate and relevant education is one. The National Policy on Education emphasises the fact that education has a more vital role to play in nation building, and all round development of a human being, material and spiritual, besides employment. No study conducted by any agency has conclusively proved that higher education in India is not employment oriented, at all.
- (c): The World Bank President has reportedly, recently urged countries across the globe to focus more on education that prepares young people for the jobs market rather than on the time they spend in school.
- (d): The statement made by World Bank is made in context of the education system in the world as a whole, and can be supported as a universally applicable statement.
- (e): The Government has accorded high importance to vocational education and training. The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (as modified in 1992) envisages introduction of systematic, well-planned and rigorously implemented programmes of vocational education. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has a scheme of Career Oriented Courses, which is run in combination with B.A, B.Com and B.Sc. courses. The objective of these courses is to provide students with requisite skills for gainful employment. A scheme of National Vocational Educational Qualifications Framework (NVEQF) has been finalised by the Government for a nationally recognised qualifications system covering schools, vocational education and training institutions, technical educational institutions and universities/colleges. A nationwide scheme of `Sub-Mission on Polytechnics` has also been launched, wherein assistance is being given to the State Governments for starting new Polytechnics, revamping the Community Polytechnic Scheme and for the upgradation of existing Polytechnics.