

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the National Institute of Open School launched the `HUNAR` project for skill development and training of girls to promote school education among disadvantaged communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds spent in this regard so far especially in Assam?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): HUNAR project was launched in Bihar in the year 2009 by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) in collaboration with the Government of Bihar. 13768 girls were enrolled in 298 Madarsas in the year 2009. In the year 2010, a total of 12257 girls completed training for skill development under this project. A pilot project on HUNAR for Muslim girls was inaugurated in Delhi on 26.02.2011. A total of 1613 girls were enrolled and training programme was started in June, 2011.

(c): HUNAR is a State sponsored project and role of NIOS is limited to providing academic and training support. HUNAR has not been launched in Assam.