

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

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COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether suggestions have been received to start 100 community colleges in the country based on the community college model in the United States to address skill shortage;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Union Government / UGC therein;
- (c) the details of location and the identified aims and objectives of such colleges;
- (d) whether the Union Government has urged States to submit concrete proposals for starting community colleges in their respective States; and
- (e) if so, the response of the State Governments thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The Government of India has taken a decision to start 200 community colleges from the existing colleges/polytechnics from the academic session 2013. The responsibility to implement the scheme will lie on the States /UTs with support from the Government of India.
- (c): These colleges aim at improving the employable skills of the learners, to provide flexibility to exit and re-enter the course / programme and also to provide opportunity for horizontal and vertical mobility and community-based lifelong learning. The locations of such community colleges will be determined by the State /UT Governments concerned.
- (d): Yes, Sir.
- (e): Till date, proposals have been received from State Governments of Assam, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh only.