

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 2 per cent students at school level are covered under vocational education courses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the scheme of the Government to promote vocational education?

Answer

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

(a) &(b) Vocational courses are being offered in the country through the network of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools, Govt. Higher Secondary Schools, Govt. Aided Higher Secondary Schools and Private unaided schools. At present the Central Board of Secondary Education is offering 33 vocational Courses covering 97 subjects in 313 schools covering 37,095 students out of 16.5 lakh students enrolled in Classes XI and XII.

(c) The Revised Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education is under implementation in the country. The objectives of the Scheme include enhancing the employability of youth through competency based modular vocational courses; to maintain their competitiveness through provisions of multi-entry, multi-exit learning opportunities and vertical mobility/interchange ability in qualifications to fill the gap between educated and employable. The Scheme inter-alia provides for establishment of new vocational schools, strengthening the existing vocational schools, capacity building of vocational education teachers, development of competency based curriculum and teaching material.