

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2914  
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OPENING OF NEW COLLEGES  
Biswal Shri Hemanand ;Panda Shri Baijayant

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Odisha for setting up 400 new Vocational Junior Colleges and to strengthen 231 existing Government Vocational Junior Colleges in the State;
- (b) if so, the present status of the proposal; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared to meet the acute shortfall of skilled manpower in Odisha?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education, a proposal was received from the Government of Odisha for setting up of 400 new Vocational Junior Colleges and to strengthen 231 existing Government Vocational Junior Colleges in the financial year 2011-2012. The proposal was considered by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in its meeting held on 07.02.2012 and the State Government was requested to revised its proposals as per norms under the scheme for reconsideration and approval of the PAB. Revised proposal from the State has since been received on 13.06.2012 for strengthening 187 existing Government Vocational Junior Colleges for the year 2012-2013, for consideration and approval of the PAB.