

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start skill development courses in Government schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether special consideration will be given to Government schools located in different North Eastern States to start the said courses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. 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. Under the Scheme, demand driven modular vocational courses would be identified and developed in collaboration with industry/employers and offered through Higher Secondary Government, Government-Aided and Private Schools. The scheme would involve establishment of new vocational schools, strengthening existing vocational schools, capacity building of vocational education teachers, development of competency based curriculum and teaching material and development of an MIS from monitoring and evaluation. The scheme will be primarily implemented by the State governments. Financial assistance will be given to the State Governments/UT administrations and NGO/VOs as per fixed norms. 10% of the total budget allocation of Scheme of Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education is earmarked for North Eastern States for the implementation of the Scheme.