

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to offer vocational education as a full fledged subject in all Government schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the norms for selection of schools to begin vocational education; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a)&(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education", demand driven modular vocational courses are identified and developed in collaboration with industry/employers and offered through Higher Secondary Government, Government-Aided and Private Schools as one of the elective subjects. The scheme involves establishment of new vocational schools, strengthening existing vocational schools, capacity building of vocational education teachers, development of competency based curriculum and teaching material etc.

(c)&(d) Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to Government Higher Secondary Schools/Government aided Higher Secondary Schools/Private Unaided Schools/NGOs for setting up and operating Vocational Education programmes. Schools are selected by the State Government concerned. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education" is already under implementation.