

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from the States including Odisha and West Bengal for setting up of new Vocational Junior Colleges and to strengthen existing Government Vocational Junior Colleges in their States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the present status of those proposals; and
- (c) the time by which the said proposals are likely to be approved by the Government?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education, a proposal was received from the Government of Odisha to strengthen 187 existing Government Vocational Junior Colleges. Based on the appraisal, the State has been requested to rework the proposal according to the norms of the revised Scheme of Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education for further consideration and approval. A proposal for strengthening 93 existing vocational schools was received from the Govt. of West Bengal in the year 2011-12. The proposal has been approved by the Ministry and necessary funds released to the State Government of West Bengal for its implementation.