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LOK SABHA**

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LINKING OF MADRASAS WITH REGULATORY FRAMEWORK
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to work out a mechanism to link Madrasas with any regulatory frame work; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. However, the Government of India has notified that the certificates/ qualifications of the specified State Madarsa Boards as equivalent to the corresponding levels of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE) and other School Examination Boards, for the purpose of employment and entry to higher levels of education.

Further, the Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) seeks to bring about qualitative improvement in Madrasas to enable Muslim children attain standards of the national education system in modern subjects. The salient features of SPQEM scheme are to strengthen capacities in Madrasas for the teaching of the formal curriculum subjects like Science, Mathematics, Language, Social Studies etc. through the enhanced payment of teacher honorarium, the training of such teachers every two years in new pedagogical practices, by providing science labs, computer labs with annual maintenance costs in the secondary and higher secondary stage Madrasas, by the provision of Science/Mathematics kits in primary/upper primary level Madrassas, by the strengthening of libraries/book banks and by providing teaching/learning materials at all levels of Madrasas. The unique feature of this modified scheme is that it encourages the linkage of Madrasas with the National Institute for Open Schooling (NIOS), as accredited centres for providing formal education, which will enable children studying in such Madrasas to get certification for class 5, 8, 10 and 12. This will enable them to transit to higher studies and also ensure quality standards akin to the conventional education system. The registration & examination fees to the NIOS will be covered under this scheme as also the teaching learning materials to be used. The NIOS linkage will be extended under this scheme for Vocational Education at the secondary and higher secondary stage of Madrasas.