

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

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LOANS FOR VOCATIONAL COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether banks do not offer loans to students for less mainstream courses of vocational study such as hair styling, pet grooming, bartending; and

(b) if so, the steps Government is taking to extend loans to these students?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Under the centrally sponsored scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, vocational courses are offered at the higher secondary stage in Government and Government aided higher secondary schools at a nominal or no fee. Short- term non-formal training on skill development is imparted under the scheme of community development through polytechnics without charging any fee. Therefore, bank loans are generally not required.