

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

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- (a) whether the Government plans to introduce vocational training in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether vocational courses would be introduced in both Government and private schools;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to decide the exact vocational courses or will left it for the States to decide: and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the "Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education" is being implemented in the country since September 2011. The objective of the scheme is to prepare educated, employable and competitive human resources for various sectors of the economy and the global market. Under the Scheme, demand driven modular vocational courses have been identified and developed in collaboration with industry/employers are offered through Higher Secondary Government, Government-Aided and Private Schools. The Scheme components include introduction of vocational education in schools, capacity building of vocational education teachers, development of competency based curriculum and teaching materials. The scheme is implemented by the States and UTs.

(d) & (e): Under the scheme, every selected school would offer need based modular vocational courses in identified vocations in such a manner that would provide the desirable flexibility of choice to the students. The States/UTs in consultation with the local industry etc. are to identify their human resource needs. The selection of the courses by the State Governments/UTs is, inter alia, based on the assessment of skill needs conducted nationally and locally, the availability of required resources i.e. industry / business set up for linkages, teacher/ trainers, necessary raw material and prevailing and emerging employment opportunities.