

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

(a) whether the Government is considering to start 500 community colleges in the country based on the community college model in the United States to address skill shortage and if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for setting up the said colleges, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a study team had visited US to understand their model of community colleges;

(c) if so, the recommendations of the said study team in this regard; and

(d) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): No, Madam. Based on the need for the requirement of skilled workforce matching with the industry needs, the Ministry in consultation with stakeholders, has initiated action to formulate a comprehensive scheme of skilling in the higher education sector.

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. However, the proposed scheme will address contextually to the concerns of the nature and the complexities of the skill gap currently existing in the various sectors in the country. The schemes would envisage proficiency and competencies at different level, multiple entry and exit between skill training and general education / technical education and job markets, and progression of pathways promoting lifelong learning and skill development.