

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

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FOR SC ST OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the steps taken to bring in mainstream the youth belonging to special focus groups i.e. SCs/STs/OBCs/minorities/lying below poverty line with special needs in the field of vocational education?

Answer

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

As per the revised Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) "Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education" efforts will be made by the States/UTs to mainstream children belonging to special focus groups i.e. SC, ST, OBC, minorities, persons below poverty line and children with special needs, with special attention to the girls belonging to these groups. Special priority would be given for introduction of vocational education in schools in identified SC, ST and minority concentrated districts/blocks. States/UTs will encourage and ensure the participation of students belonging to the special focus groups in vocational education through suitable measures including enrolment drives, provision of special facilities, working in close collaboration with parents and community based organization, monitoring attendance, organizing remedial classes and follow up of special groups etc.