

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VOCATIONALISATION OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented a new scheme of "Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education" in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said scheme is being integrated with the regular courses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The scheme of "Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education" which came into effect in September, 2011 has been revised in February, 2014 and is now known as the scheme of "Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education" which is under implementation in 2035 schools across 25 States/UTs. Under the scheme, financial assistance is being provided for introduction of Vocational Education in schools at secondary and higher secondary level. The major aim of the scheme is to prepare educated, employable and competitive human resource for various sectors of the economy and the global market.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. The revised scheme of "Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education" which is fully compliant with the National Skills Qualifications Framework, not only introduces vocational education for the first time, nationally, at the secondary level but also seeks to integrate vocational education with general academic education. The Scheme provides for introduction of vocational education as an additional or compulsory subject at the secondary level and as a compulsory (elective) subject at the higher secondary level.