

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Linking Skill Development with Secondary Education

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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to link skill development with the secondary education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the State-wise number and details of the inter colleges linked/proposed to be linked with skill development so far?

Answer

(a) to (c) The National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015, approved by the Government on 1st July, 2015, envisages the skilling to be integrated with formal education by introducing vocational training classes linked to the local economy from class Nine onwards. All National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant assessment and certification bodies will be competent to provide support to the School Boards for assessment and certification of the skilling component of vocational education and training, wherever required. Skilling will be increasingly integrated with higher education with polytechnics offering NSQF-aligned vocational courses and Bachelor of Vocational Studies degrees. These courses are to be aligned to a credit framework which can provide horizontal and vertical mobility.

Further, to enhance the employability of youth through demand driven competency based modular vocational courses and to reduce the drop-out rate at secondary education level, the scheme, 'Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education' under Integrated Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA) is operational through Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of School Education and Literacy). Till date, 3654 Government schools in 31 States/UTs except Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Tripura, Puducherry and Lakshadweep, with coverage capacity of 7,30,800 students across 16 sectors, have been taken up under the scheme. These sectors include Agriculture, Apparel, Automobile, Beauty & Wellness, Banking/Financial Services & Insurance, Construction, Health Care, IT & ITeS (Information Technology & Information Technology enabled Services), Logistics, Media & Entertainment, Multi Skill Physical Education & Sports, Retail, Security, Telecom, Travel & Tourism.