

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

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OPENING OF POLYTECHNICS THROUGH NIOS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to set up polytechnic institutes through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has entered into an agreement with New Zealand Government for their support in opening of such Institutes in the country; and
- (d) if so, the time by which these institutes are likely to be established?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No Madam, no such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- (c): The Ministry of Human Resource Development has not entered any such agreement with New Zealand Government for opening of such institutes in the country. However, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has signed a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the open Polytechnic New Zealand (OPNZ) for promotion of Technical & vocational Education Training (TVET) using open and flexible learning strategies.
- (d): Does not arise.