

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

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FOCUS ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the education system in India is exam-centric with low focus on skill development;
- (b) if so, whether half of the students entering a class lack the skills required for that level and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal or has drawn up any policy to improve the skills of the students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Prof. (Dr.) Ram Shankar Katheria)

(a) & (b): The present education system has less emphasis on practical training and more on theoretical learning. Hence, a large number of the students entering a class lack the Skills required for that level.

(c) & (d): The Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) had issued a notification of National Vocational Education Qualification Framework (NVEQF) on 03rd September, 2012 for vocationalisation of higher education system and integration with the national skill development. Accordingly, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has notified AICTE Regulation 2012 (Grant of Approval for conducting Vocational Education Program, Community College courses and Skill Knowledge Providers under NVEQF). However, NVEQF has been superceded by National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF), which has been notified by the Ministry of Finance on 27th December, 2013.

On 11th November, 2014, MHRD has launched credit framework, which allows vertical and lateral mobility within vocational education system. The credit framework defines the rules for credit allotment and follows the NSQF regulatory framework. The credit framework clearly states the credit assessment requirements for skills.