

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

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FRUGAL INNOVATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting frugal innovation and calls for pedagogic platform to enable students to develop skills to suit the present conditions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the views of each State particularly Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in this regard; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No, Madam. However, The Government is working towards launching Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan to motivate and engage children in Science, Mathematics and Technology through observation, experimentation, inference drawing, model building, etc. both inside and outside classroom activities and processes.

Further, a new scheme of National Initiative for setting up of Design Innovation Centres (DIC), Open Design School (ODS) and National Design Innovation Network (NDIN) has been launched in 2013-14 to promote design education and design innovation during XII Plan. Five DICs have already been established at IIT Mumbai, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, IISc Bangalore and University of Delhi.