

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

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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN RUNNING SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREAS

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

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- (a) whether according to the working group private participation in running secondary schools in rural areas is virtually nil;
- (b) if so, the main reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the said group has stressed the need to launch schemes based on access with equity accepted by the Planning Commission while formulating 10th Plan;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have launched any such programme in any part of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote private participation in running secondary schools in rural areas?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR.VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (f): Education being on concurrent list, providing secondary education to students is mainly the responsibility of State Government. In this regard, a large number of secondary schools having private participation in the country are aided by the State Govts. Working Group on Secondary Education for 10th Plan deliberated upon the need to strengthen the secondary education sector. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group, Planning Commission has already approved, in principle, the launching of the new scheme of Access with Equity.