

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:135
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2003
AGRO-BASED VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES
VINAY KUMAR SORAKE

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

- (a) whether Union Government have decided to introduce agro-based vocational training courses in various institutions;
- (b) if so, whether students can acquire certificates of skill in different vocations like crop husbandry, horticulture, animal husbandry and dairying regardless of their formal high school education;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have also decided to phase out the existing 6700 vocational schools which have not met the desired standards; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO135 FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2003 ASKED BY SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE REGARDING AGRO - BASED VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES.

(a) to (d) Based on the recommendation of the various review groups/committees, the existing scheme of vocationalisation of the secondary education is being revised to make it modular in nature and competency based. The scheme shall also be available for the persons who have not got any formal high school education. Keeping in view the requirement of industry/user organizations various kind of vocational courses including a large number of agro based courses will be provided under the revised scheme. The schools providing vocational education under the existing scheme will have the option to participate under the proposed revised scheme subject to fulfilling the laid down conditions.