

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:233

ANSWERED ON:09.08.2005

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the Government recognise the importance of vocational education in the present scenario;
- (b) if so, whether any policy exists with the Government at all India level with regard to vocational education;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken to strengthen it;
- (d) whether the Government has also made any effort especially for the introduction of vocational education in rural areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and thereafter State-wise; and
- (g) the results achieved in popularisation of vocational education ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF REPLY TO PART (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 233 FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2005 ASKED BY SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA AND SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

The National Policy on Education (NPE-1986) and the Programme of Action thereunder accorded very high priority for Vocational Education. As a result, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at + 2 level was launched which has been in operation since 1988-89. The Scheme provides for diversification of educational opportunities as an alternative for those pursuing higher education so as to enhance individual employability and to reduce the mismatch between demand and supply of skilled manpower. As a result of several Reviews and Studies since 1993 and the deficiencies and shortcomings pointed out, the present scheme is under revision so as enhance access to a variety of target groups including students, school dropouts, educated unemployed, persons belonging to marginalized groups, women, SC/ST, disabled and people in rural areas. It is envisaged to offer flexible, modular courses with multi-entry and multi-exit system with provisions of vertical and lateral entry and mobility.

Under the present scheme, grants are released to the State Governments based on the proposals submitted by them every year. However, there is no system of making State- wise allocation of funds as such. A Statement indicating the grants released during last 3 years to various States/UTs is annexed. Release of grants during 2005-06 out of the Budget Provision of Rs.20.00 crores would depend upon the proposals received from the States/UTs and their examination. Under the present scheme, so far, 21000 Vocational Sections at +2 level with an enrolment capacity of over 10 lakh students have been approved in 7600 schools in various States/UTs.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED IN THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 233 FOR 09.08.2005

Grants released under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at + 2 level.

(Rupees in Lakhs)

NAME OF THE S. No. STATE/ UT	Grant released
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2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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1	Andhra Pradesh			500.55
2	Gujarat	467.58		
3	Haryana	329.00	27.90	67.23
4	J & K			599.69
5	Kerala		247.20	1425.00
6	Manipur		47.65	
7	Mizoram		8.79	150.00
8	Sikkim	291.48		
9	Tripura			66.68
10	Uttar Pradesh	375.00	375.00	
11	Chandigarh			7.00

Total : 1463.06 706.54 2816.15