

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

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

- (a) The criteria to qualify as heritage school of education ;
- (b) The number of heritage educational institutions identified in each State ;
- (c) The number of such institutions closed down for want of funds and other resources ;
- (d) Whether the Government, NCERT proposes to revive the heritage schooling by providing them financial and academic support for promoting democratic, social and nationalist values through innovative techniques of learning, to impart dignity to labour and training in skills and also to work towards eradication of gender inequality, caste, prejudices, poverty ;
- (e) If so, the details thereof ;
- (f) Whether the Government or NCERT proposes to start large number of institutions for the development of skills in various vocations to make the students self-confident to be self-employed; and
- (g) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) Under the programme "Revival of Selected Heritage Schools in the country", National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) intends to provide academic and other support to those schools which should have :
 - (i) been founded during Indian freedom movement inspired by nationalist educational philosophy.
 - (ii) represented a heritage of innovative pedagogy and or innovative educational techniques as a viable alternative to the system of formal education evolved during colonial period.
 - (iii) developed innovative learning materials using local knowledge.
 - (iv) inculcated dignity of labour through curricular and co-curricular activities.
 - (v) made endeavors to develop various types of skills and abilities among its pupils and interconnections in an attempt to build all round development of personalities.
 - (vi) a heritage of active engagement with the local community and worked towards the eradication of superstitions, gender inequality, caste prejudice, poverty etc.
 - (vii) instilled the values of democratic participation among the pupils and promoted such values in running the school.
- (b) NCERT has received 93 applications under the programme.
- (c) NCERT does not have definite information on the number of institutions closed down for want of funds and other resources.
- (d)to(g) The programme envisages NCERT providing them academic and other support for a few years till they regain their glory, declare them heritage schools and help them to have distinct identity. NCERT proposes to assist the existing schools and does not intend to start new institutions.