

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

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QUOTA SEATS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

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

(a) whether the Government has launched a 'special scheme' mission in Eleventh Five Year Plan to ensure that no quota seats in secondary education remains vacant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding providing more opportunities to disadvantaged groups including SCs/STs and OBCs in secondary education by introduction of 'special scheme';

(d) whether the Government proposes to initiate certain number of vocational training institutes across the country, especially for school drop outs in the age group of 14-18 years under reserved category and chalked out a new proposal for technical and vocational education in rural areas; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No, Sir. However, various special incentives/ concessions for the weaker section are provided under many of the schemes of the Ministry. These include reservation of seats, concession in fee and provision of scholarships.

(d) & (e) No such proposal is under consideration at present.