

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

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to introduce career oriented vocational courses at Secondary and Higher Secondary levels;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposals have been received by the Union Government from the State Governments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereto;
- (e) whether any assistance has been provided by the Government to the States for this purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details of the funds provided during each of the last three years and the current year ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) & (b) : Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, about 150 vocational courses are offered in Government and Government aided higher secondary schools to enhance employability of students.
- (c) to (f) : Since 01.04.2007, proposals have been received from the States of Jharkhand, Mizoram, Puducherry, Sikkim and Orissa. State Governments of Sikkim and Puducherry were given financial assistance of Rs. 250.00 lakh and Rs.15.53 lakh respectively in 2006-07. No releases have been made to any State under this scheme since 1.4.2007.