

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

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OPENING OF ENGLISH MEDIUM MADRASAS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any proposal to open the English Medium Madrasa in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been a decline in the allocation of funds by the Government for Madrasa education development;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for the expansion of Madrasa in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) seeks to encourage traditional institutions like Madarsas and Makhtabs to introduce Science, Mathematics, Social studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum, so that children studying in these institutions attain academic proficiency. However, the process is voluntary.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. The budget provision for SPQEM has progressively increased from Rs 50 crore in 2009-10 to Rs 104 crore in 2010-11 and Rs 150 crore in 2011-12.

(e) SPQEM is a scheme for educational empowerment of children in Madarsas and Makhtabs. The introduction of modern subjects is voluntary. The Government has conducted several workshops to spread awareness about the scheme, and provided enhanced annual outlays for its implementation.