

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

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ENROLMENT IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES  
Thota Shri Narasimham

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

- (a) whether there is a declining trend in the enrolment of students in vocational education and training courses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether India is lagging behind China and USA in the matter and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to implement vocational education in schools curriculum; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a)to(c): Vocational education continues to expand in India covering more and more schools. Since the definition of vocational education and training varies from country to country it is not feasible to draw comparison between India and China and USA.

(d)&(e): Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education" is being implemented in the country under the umbrella of Rashtriya Mahdyamik Shiksha Abhiyan . The Scheme inter alia provides for introduction of vocational education from the secondary stage, capacity building of vocational education teachers/skill trainers, development of competency based curriculum. Till date 2035 schools in 24 States/ UTs have been approved under the Scheme for introduction of vocational education.