

# RAJYA SABHA

*Monday, the 20th February, 2006/1 Phalguna, 1927 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock,

[MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

## MEMBER SWORN

Shrimati Shobhana Bhartia (Nominated)

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## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Reform of Secondary Education

†\*21. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:††  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) the components of the programme to reform the secondary education in the country;

(b) the expert agencies involved in prescribing and implementing the reforms;

(c) the magnitude of resources, such a programme would entail and the manner in which Government propose to generate these resources; and

(d) the details of stakeholders in the programme and the manner in which Government propose to monitor their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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†Starred questions 21 and 37 were taken together.

††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Moolchand Meena.

**Statement**

(a) to (d) Secondary Education, and reforms therein, are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Mid-term Appraisal of the 10th Five Year Plan has, *inter-alia*, recommended that "in order to plan for a major expansion of Secondary Education in the event of achievement of full or near full retention under SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan), setting up a new mission for Secondary Education, on the lines of SSA, should be considered".

A Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) was constituted in September 2004, to prepare a blueprint for Universalisation of Secondary Education consequent upon the attainment of Universalisation of Elementary Education. The Committee submitted its Report in June, 2005.

The above recommendations are being examined in consultation with concerned agencies, after which a scheme may emerge for implementation during the XI Plan.

**Vocationalisation of Secondary Education**

†\*37. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:††

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

(a) the steps being taken to vocationalise the secondary education as recommended in Mid-term Appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the manner in which the agencies would be identified and involved in imparting vocational training; and

(c) the measures being taken to ensure the linkage with local market and industry requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Revision of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, keeping in view, *inter-alia*, the observations of Mid-Term Appraisal, is under consideration. The revision exercise is likely to

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