

Vocational courses in schools

1476. SHRI KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to introduce vocational training in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether vocational courses would be introduced in both Government and private schools; and
- (d) whether Government would fix the exact vocational courses or the States would decide on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The revised Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Education is under implementation in the country. The objectives of the Scheme include enhancing the employability of youth through competency based modular vocational courses; to maintain their competitiveness through provisions of multi-entry, multi-exit learning opportunities and vertical mobility/interchange ability in qualifications to fill the gap between educated and employable. The Scheme *inter-alia* provides for establishment of new vocational schools, strengthening the existing vocational schools, capacity building of vocational education teachers, development of competency based curriculum and teaching material.

(c) Under the scheme, vocational courses are being introduced in Government Higher Secondary Schools, Government Aided Higher Secondary Schools and Private Unaided Schools.

(d) The States in consultation with the industry/employers identify local human resource needs and the vocational courses to be offered in the schools.

Code of conduct for teachers in schools

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

- (a) whether Government has finalized new guidelines on the code of conduct for teachers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there has been an increase in student deaths over the past year due to psychological damage; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has developed a “Code of Professional Ethics of Teacher” (2009). The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also issued Guidelines regarding Code of Conduct of teachers in schools affiliated to it. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has in 2009 developed Code of Conduct for teachers in higher educational institutes.

(d) and (e) According to the Report of the “Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India” (2011) of the National Crime Records Bureau, the total number of suicides due to failure the examination in 2010 and 2011 was 2,479 and 2,381 respectively.

It is difficult to attribute reasons; there can be various social, economic or personal issues which can lead to stress and anxiety amongst children resulting in such incidents.

Conference of VCs of Central Universities

1478. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a conference of Vice Chancellors of Central Universities was held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed during the said conference;
- (c) the details of the problems faced by various Central Universities pointed out during the said conference;
- (d) the details of steps taken by Government to solve their various problems particularly filling up of vacant faculty positions; and