

**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.

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