

**Response to vocational courses under CBSE**

2474. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of responses to vocational courses under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) across the country, particularly in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government would consider making these vocational courses attractive enough if the responses are poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) At present 1400 Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated school are offering 13 Vocational courses at Secondary level under National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) Scheme with an enrolment of 1,68,000 students. Similarly, 800 schools are offering 29 skill based courses at Senior Secondary Level with an enrolment of 17,700 students. In Telangana and Andhara Pradesh 23 Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools are offering vocational courses with an enrollment of 1600 students.

CBSE, offers vocational subjects as sixth additional subject at secondary level (classless IX and X) and as elective/additional subject at Senior Secondary Level. A special provision has been made to make the vocational subject attractive wherein if a student fails in any of the three main academic subjects (*i.e.* Science, Mathematics, Social Science) and pass in vocational subject then marks of failed subject is replaced by vocational subject and result of Class X is computed accordingly.

**Improvement and promotion of open universities**

2475. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of open universities in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of courses which are in high demand in such universities; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to improve and promote such universities to facilitate increased enrolment for higher studies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are fifteen (15) Universities in the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) field in the country (14

State Open Universities + One Central University-Indira Gandhi National Open University). The State-wise list of the Open Universities is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) These Universities are running various programmes/courses in the areas of Arts, Science, Commerce and education fields at PG/Degree/PG Diploma/Diploma/Certificate levels.

(c) The UGC takes various measures including sanctioning of the Plan grants in the matter.

**Statement**

*Details of Open Universities in the country*

Sl. No.	State	Name of University	State University/Central University
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University	State University
2.	Bihar	Nalanda Open University	State University
3.	Chhattisgarh	Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Open University	State University
4.	Delhi	Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)	Central University
5.	Gujarat	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University	State University
6.	Karnataka	Karnataka State Open University	State University (Recognition upto academic session 2012-13 only by UGC)
7.	Madhya Pradesh	M. P. Bhoj (Open) University	State University
8.	Maharashtra	Yashwant Rao Chavan Maharashtra Open University	State University
9.	Odisha	Odisha State Open University	State University
10.	Rajasthan	Vardhman Mahaveer Open University	State University
11.	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Open University	State University
12.	Telangana	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University	State University

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13.	Uttar Pradesh	U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University	State University
14.	Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani	State University
15.	West Bengal	Netaji Subhash Open University	State University

### **Framework plan of RMSA**

†2476. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the concept of education till higher secondary level was mentioned in the framework plan of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA); and

(b) if so, the reasons for not including higher secondary education under RMSA till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) launched in 2009 envisages universalizing access to secondary schools by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance (5 kilometer) of every habitation and a higher secondary school within a reasonable distance (7-10 kilometer). The RMSA framework envisaged to cover both secondary and higher secondary schools. However, when the Scheme was launched in 2009-10, it was decided to implement it in a phased manner, the first phase was designed to make good quality secondary education available to young persons in the age group of 14-15 years. However, higher secondary schools are being covered under the other components of integrated RMSA, *i.e.* Information Communication Technology in Schools, Girls Hostels, Vocational Education and Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage.

### **Honorarium for graduate teachers**

†2477. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether there is a need to provide ₹ 9,000/- per month per teacher as honorarium to graduate teachers in place of ₹ 6,000/- per month per teacher from the point of view of educational quality from the year 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): The recruitment, service conditions,

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