

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION .**

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

- (a) whether Government is working on a proposal to evolve a national frame-work on vocational education in schools;
- (b) whether the proposal relates to introduction of some 500 to 1000 vocations in school curricula to enable students come out qualified to take up vocational jobs;
- (c) whether 20 million children go to schools every year but only 12.4 per cent pursue college education; and
- (d) whether to check high percentage of drop -outs at the plus two level Government is keen to provide skill-based vocational education at school level?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

( SMT. D. PURANDESWARI )

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The proposal is currently at a preliminary stage, and details have not been worked out.

( c ) As per Statistics of School Education (2007-08) published by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the enrolment at the school level (classes 1 to 12) during 2007-08 was 23.72 crore as on 30.9.2007. Out of this, 2.82 crore children studied at the secondary stage (classes 9 and 10) and 1.59 crore was the enrolment at the higher secondary stage (classes 11 and 12). As per Selected Educational Statistics 2006-07, the gross enrolment ratio for higher education, i.e., the ratio of the enrolment in higher educational institutions to the total population in the age group 18-24 was 12.4%.

(d) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education which was introduced in 1987-88, vocational courses were introduced to impart skill based vocational education in Government and Government aided higher secondary schools. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced several vocational courses in the higher secondary stage. During the current session 2010 -11, new vocational courses have been introduced by CBSE in the areas of hospitality and tourism, mass media studies and media production and geospatial technology.