

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4644
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

Vocationalisation of Education

4644. DR. AMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has revised Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education to integrate employability education into school education under Samagra Shiksha in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the list of schools allocated for its implementation;
- (c) the funds allocated under this scheme during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps the Government will take for its early implementation?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan of which Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education was a component, has been subsumed under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of '**Samagra Shiksha – an integrated scheme for school education**' from 2018-19. The component of Vocationalisation of School Education under 'Samagra Shiksha' seeks to integrate vocational education with general academic education with an aim to prepare educated, employable and competitive human resource for various sectors of the economy and the global market. Under the scheme, National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant vocational courses are taught to the

students opting for the vocational courses from class 9th to 12th in the schools which are covered under the scheme. At the secondary level i.e. class IX and X, vocational courses are offered to the students as an additional subject. At Senior Secondary level, i.e. class XI and XII, vocational courses are offered as a compulsory (elective) subject. The curriculum for the courses comprises of the modules on vocational skills and employability skills which include communication skills, self-management skills, ICT skills, entrepreneurial skills, and green skills for enhancing the employability of the students.

The Vocationalisation of School Education component of 'Samagra Shiksha' is under implementation across the country including Punjab. Till 2018-19, the scheme has been implemented in 8654 schools. 55 job roles in 19 sectors are covered under the scheme. The scheme has been implemented in 780 schools in Punjab till 2018-19. An amount of Rs. 3003.42 Crore has been approved for the implementation of the scheme in the country during the last three years including Rs. 274.30 Crore for Punjab.

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