

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 143
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019**

Vocational Education

143. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

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

- (a) the details of measures being taken by the Government to boost vocational education in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up Special Educational Zones to serve higher education and skill development in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): To boost vocational education in the country, University Grants Commission (UGC) is providing skill based courses (through 188 Community Colleges, 289 Institutes offering B.Voc programmes and 68 DDU Kaushal Kendras) to 68,663 students and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is running vocational degree/diploma courses through 473 institutions with approved intake strength of 35,450 students. Also, Ministry is working along with Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) under National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to undertake Apprenticeship/Internship degree programmes with core focus on development of knowledge, skills, aptitude and on-job training. Some of the sectors like Logistics & Retail have commenced Degree Apprenticeship programmes in 15 institutions.

(b) & (C): No, sir.

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