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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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Vocational Training in Schools

3284. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to integrate vocational training with the school curriculum for revitalising the education imparted in schools in order to have better job creation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any measures to introduce cluster development mechanism, which could align the growth of micro, small and medium enterprises with job creating agenda; and
- (d) if so, the response of Government in this regard?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing the scheme of Vocationalisation of School Education under the umbrella of '**Samagra Shiksha - an integrated scheme for school education**'. The scheme seeks to integrate vocational education with general academic education. The scheme covers Government and Government aided schools. NSQF compliant vocational courses, based on the job roles which have been approved by National Skill Qualification Committee (NSQC) are offered to the students of Class IX to XII alongwith other academic subjects.

Employability Skill module has been made a mandatory part of the vocational Courses. It consists of Communication Skills, Self-Management Skills, Information and Communication Technology Skills, Entrepreneurship Skills and Green Skills.

The scheme has a provision for providing exposure of vocational education to students of Classes VI to VIII with an aim to provide opportunities to the students to orient themselves with the skills required for various occupations in a sector and to equip them to make informed choices while selecting their subjects in higher classes.

(c) and (d): Ministry of MSME is implementing Micro and Small Enterprises – Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP). The objective of the scheme is to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) for establishment of Common Facility Centers (CFCs) in the existing clusters. MSE-CDP is a demand driven scheme wherein financial assistance is provided as Government of India's grant.

So far, total of 191 Common Facility Center (CFC) projects have been approved across the country, of which, 88 have been completed and 103 are under implementation. The CFC projects are set up with expected outcome in terms of production, domestic sales/exports and direct & indirect employment, etc.

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