

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2390
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021**

Vocational Training in School Curriculum

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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 the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) & (b): The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing the scheme of Vocationalisation of School Education under the umbrella of 'Samagra Shiksha - an integrated scheme for school education', a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The scheme aims at integrating Vocational Education with general academic education in all Secondary/Senior Secondary schools; enhancing the Employability and Entrepreneurial abilities of the students, providing exposure to work environment; and generating awareness amongst students about various career options so as to enable them to make a choice in accordance with their aptitude, competence and aspirations. The scheme covers Government and Government aided schools. The scheme has a provision for providing exposure to 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 the various occupations in a sector and to equip them to make informed choices while selecting their subjects in higher classes.

Under Vocational Education component of 'Samagra Shiksha', NSQF compliant vocational courses are offered to the students from class 9th to 12th in the schools covered under the scheme. At the Secondary level i.e. Class IX and X, vocational modules are offered to the students as an additional subject. At Sr. Secondary level, i.e. Class XI and XII, vocational courses are offered as a compulsory (elective) subject. Vocational Courses are selected on the basis of notional hours, age & educational qualification prescribed and suitability for school students. The State Governments have been advised that Vocational courses are to be treated at par with other academic subjects and accorded a similar status in the scheme of subjects.

Till March 2021, 12813 schools have been approved under the scheme out of which the scheme has so far been implemented in 11,710 schools with the reported enrolment of 15,63,319 students. For the year 2021-22, 1622 new schools have been approved for Vocational Education under Samagra Shiksha taking the total number of schools approved for implementing the scheme to 14435 schools.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of MSME implements Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) to enhance competitiveness and productivity of Micro and Small Enterprises. Under the scheme, central grant is provided for setting up of Common Facility Centres and Creation and up-gradation of industrial area/estates.
