

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1800  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.05.2016**

**TWO YEAR DIPLOMA ITI COURSE**

**1800 SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:**

**Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make two year diploma ITI courses equivalent to class 12th in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to introduce skill training as early as 8th class in order to stimulate skills in school kids in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)**

(a) & (b) Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship is working closely with Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to develop a mechanism to grant academic equivalency to vocational qualifications.

(c) & (d) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) scheme, being implemented by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), there are provisions for in-service training of teachers at elementary level including 10 days in-service training for teachers at Block Resource Center level and one day monthly cluster level meetings and peer group training sessions for 10 months all teachers at Cluster Resource Center level. All these training programmes include skill training as per the subjects in different classes at elementary level. Teachers, after having undergone the training, are to implement all pedagogical practices and develop the required skills among children as per the needs inside and outside the classrooms. Training of Resource Persons facilitates analysis of child-centered pedagogy, training needs and classroom processes which further facilitate skill-based teaching-learning processes. Learning Enhancement Programme and Computer Aided Learning also facilitates development of skills among children at elementary level.

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