

Govt to extend vocational education to pvt schools

Bid to enhance employability skills of school students

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In a development that would enhance the employability skills of students, the Haryana Government has decided to extend an innovative vocational education project to the government-aided and recognised private schools, an order of the Secondary Education Department dated May 13 said.

Under the scheme, it is proposed to release grants to private schools at Rs 6,500 per child on the completion of successful training. The grants would be released through the national or state education

boards to which the schools are affiliated.

Moreover, 25 per cent seats in the vocational courses would be reserved for students belonging to the socio-economically weaker sections such as SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities, children with special needs and children below poverty line. In the reserved seats, a 50 per cent quota would be for girl students.

Currently, 240 government schools are covered under the scheme being implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD). Two of the seven applied skills—retail, automobile, security,

Making students employable

- Project for private schools to enhance employability skills of school students
- Grants of Rs 6,500 per student to be released
- 25% quota for socio-economically weaker sections; sub-quota of 50% for girl students
- 240 government schools already provide training under the project

IT/ITes, beauty and wellness, patient care assistant, and physical education and sports—have been introduced in these schools.

Official sources said while considering the proposals for financial assistance, preference would be given to the schools, particularly those located in special focus districts, educationally backward blocks and having high dropout rates at the secondary level. It would be linked to the Aadhaar number of the beneficiary.

To guard against the misuse of funds, the financial assistance would be provided only to the students acquiring the desired competence and complete at least two levels of the programme within the prescribed timeframe, officials added.