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**QUALITY EDUCATION IN MADARSAS**

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The Ministry of Human Resource Development runs a scheme namely Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) for providing financial assistance to encourage traditional institutions like Madarsas and Maktabas to introduce modern education through subjects such as Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum through support for a maximum of three teachers and books, teaching learning materials and computer labs. SPQEM seeks to bring about qualitative improvement in madrasas to enable children to attain standards comparable to the national education system in formal education subjects.

Only the Madarsas registered under Central or State Government acts or Madarsa Board or with Waqf Boards or National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) are eligible to apply for assistance under the Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM). Other Madarsas are not covered under the Scheme.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani today in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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