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SHRI KAPIL SIBAL MEETS WITH LORD MANDELSON

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Shri Kapil Sibal, Union Minister for Human Resource Development, met with Lord Mandelson, First Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills, U.K., here today. During the discussion Shri Kapil Sibal underlined India's intent to expand both the higher and the school education sector without compromising the quality. He said that Indian entrepreneurs and industry will need to get involved more in education in order to supplement the government's efforts. This is required for adequate capacity building in education.

Shri Sibal pointed out that the Prime Minister has said that 500 million Indians must be skilled by 2010. Not only is capacity building required for this, the Minister said we need to work with industry for skills to be developed for the market.

Shri Kapil Sibal is scheduled to tour U.K. in January. There he will be taking a first hand look at the education system, especially the school education system in the context of accreditation, vocational training and skill development.

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