

Implementation of National Curriculum Framework

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Curriculum Framework has been approved for implementation;

(b) if so, what procedures were followed and on which dates;

(c) whether NCERT has started preparing new syllabi and textbooks on the basis of this framework;

(d) whether the quantum of history is to be reduced according to the National Curriculum Framework; if so, how much reduction would take place; and

(e) which part to history would be dropped and on what basis?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) NCERT has finalized and released a new National Curriculum Framework for School Education after holding extensive multi-level consultations throughout the country. The document was also placed before the general body of the NCERT which has all State Ministers of Education as its members.

(c) The NCERT has initiated action for development of detailed syllabi of individual subject and writing new textbooks.

(d) and (e) The proposal of reducing quantum of history as proposed in the National Curriculum Framework for School Education is particularly relevant for primary, upper primary and secondary stages. No particular parts, periods or personalities are proposed to be deleted. Only the details which are relevant to the learners' needs at these stages will be retained. The balanced and relevant history will be suitably integrated with the content of the other social science subject. This will be done in order to (i) reduce the curriculum load which is a matter of common concern and (ii) make the study of social science a balanced experience necessary for leading a useful and successful life of citizen.