

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**Sex Education at the School and College levels.**

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

(a) whether Government have any proposal to impart sex education on scientific lines at the school and college levels throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the impact of sex education has been examined in depth and if so, by when it is likely to be introduced in curricula?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) to (c) Some components of Sex Education based on scientific fact are already being taught through NCERT textbooks in life science specially at the Secondary and Senior Secondary levels. The details are as following:—

Science Textbook of Classes IX and X (Published in 1990)

The human reproductive system is discussed at an elementary level in Classes IX and X. Some of the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) are mentioned in the Chapter on Health.

Biology Textbook, Class XII Part-I (Published in June, 1989)

On Pages 712 to 722 information on the human reproductive systems and functions—both male and female have been included at a higher level of detail.

Biology Textbook, Class XII, Part II (Published in 1989)

A brief mention of STDs and the modes of transmission of AIDS viruses has been made.

2. Certain aspects of Sex Education fall within the concept and content of population education. The National Population Education Programme (NPEP) is executed by the NCERT with financial assistance from the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA). Under this programme, the incorporation of further aspects of Sex Education in the school curricula is also being considered.

3. At the College level, there is no programme for imparting Sex Education.

Oil exploration in collaboration with a Soviet Company

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what achievement has been made so far with regard to oil exploration on onland Cauvery Basin and in Bombay and West Bengal Basin;

(b) what is the total expenditure incurred so far on these projects;

(c) whether the oil exploration in these areas is being done in collaboration with a Soviet Company;

(d) if so, what are the terms and conditions of the contract signed with the Soviet firm and whether its performance is considered satisfactory; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to accelerate the process of oil exploration in the country following the Gulf War?