

Reform in school curriculum for bagless education

†1952. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that vast syllabus is adversely affecting tender minds of children;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether in view of the adverse effect on the minds of children Government proposes reform in curriculum or implementation of bagless education for their mental development; and
- (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) — 2005 focuses on enriching the curriculum to provide for overall development of the child, rather than adopting a textbook-centric approach. New syllabi and textbooks brought out by NCERT reflect this perspective on curriculum load.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) prescribes syllabi and textbooks prepared by NCERT. Several State Education Boards have adopted or adapted syllabi and textbooks prepared by NCERT. CBSE affiliated schools have been instructed by CBSE to keep the number of textbooks for all classes limited to that prescribed by NCERT, to implement the policy of 'no school bag' for the children of Classes I and II; and to ensure that no home work is given to the children of Classes I and II. Further, the schools have also been directed to evolve a concept of alternative to homework for the children of Classes III to V.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan

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- (a) the details of number of Kendriya Vidyalayas being run in Rajasthan alongwith their locations;
- (b) whether Central Government plans to open up new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan;
- (c) if so, their number alongwith their locations;
- (d) whether Central Government has reserved some seats in Kendriya Vidyalayas for the wards of State Government employees;

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