

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS**Value based education**

*282. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has felt the need to inculcate values among our children to build a healthy society;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government is taking steps to emphasize more on value based education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (d) The National Curriculum Framework, 2005 brought out by National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) recommended an integrated and holistic approach for nurturing universal human values and constitutional values at all stages of education to ensure all round development of students and building of a healthy society. The new syllabi and textbooks for all subjects at all stages have been developed in consonance with the above principles of National Curriculum Framework, 2005.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken following measures to ensure effective value based education at school level:

- Introduction of School based Assessment scheme in the year 2009 which, *inter-alia*, comprises assessment of values.
- Introduction of value based questions in the Summative Assessment-II in classes IX-X and year end examination of classes XI-XII from the year 2012-13
- Bringing out a handbook for teachers on Value Education in the years 1997 and again in the year 2003
- Publication of Teachers' Manual on Environmental Education and Adolescence Education

A resource book for teachers on 'Ways to Peace' has been published by NCERT during 2010 for promotion and wider dissemination of values of peace. NCERT has also finalized a framework on 'Education for Values in Schools'.

Radiation from mobile phone towers causing diseases

*283. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: