

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has a Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) which gives financial assistance to traditional institutions such as Madrasas and Maktabas to introduce modern subjects including Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum. Funds are also given for in-service training of teachers for teaching modern subjects and for the purchase of Science Kits, Maths Kits, and other essential pedagogical equipment for teaching modern subjects. The scheme also provides for vocational training for children above 14 years of age studying in Madrasas.

(c) The status of implementation of the scheme in the state of Maharashtra from the year 2010-11 onwards is as below:

Sl. No.	Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	No. of madrasas assisted	No. of teachers covered
1.	2010-11	36.59	11	33
2.	2011-12	147.52	34	99
3.	2012-13	168.44	46	137
4.	2013-14 (up to 31.1.14)	210.70	98	286

Moral education in curriculum

1922. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make moral education compulsory in the curriculum from nursery to university level;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to devise appropriate syllabus on the subject in consultation with educationists and spiritual scholars of various religions in order to inculcate moral values among students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) The National Council of

Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks prescribe themes and examples related to moral conduct across the subject areas and across the various stages of school education in the syllabi and textbooks for classes I - XII as a follow-up of the National Curriculum Framework- 2005. The NCERT has also brought out a Value Education Framework entitled "Education for values in schools - A framework" which provides guidelines to schools to identify their priorities of values and plan their actions accordingly. The NCERT has also developed a Resource Book for teachers 'Ways to Peace'.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has made moral education compulsory in the curriculum offered to the schools affiliated to it. The CBSE has published source books for classes VI-VIII and a Teacher's Manual on Life Skills for Classes IX-X and also on Environmental Education and Adolescent Education which help to foster values in children. The CBSE has also introduced value based questions from the prescribed books in the Summative Assessment II in classes IX-XII for the year 2012-13. The CBSE has also launched a value education kit comprising of a Hand Book for Teachers, Value Cards and a CD on songs on the theme of Duty, Solidarity and Respect for Nature.

All Universities being completely autonomous in academic matters are free to revise the syllabi and curricula. However, The UGC is funding various programmes at the Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate levels concerning Human Rights and Value Education in the universities and colleges. The Commission has also been implementing the scheme of Human Rights and Value Education and provides financial assistance to the eligible Universities/Colleges under this scheme. The objectives of this scheme, *inter-alia*, include the creation of awareness and commitment to values where the individualistic self-interest is properly reconciled with the collective and common good.

Integration of SHP and MDMS

1923. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain States have ignored the component of integrating the School Health Programme (SHP) with the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard and ensure proper use of funds for boosting health of students?