

QR code in NCERT books

†250. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce QR code in NCERT books in near future;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any action in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) to (c) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has initiated the process of introducing QR code in their textbooks. NCERT has started the process of identifying relevant supplementary material (videos, animations, Power Points (PPTs), maps, e-content). These will be mapped with the content of each textbook from Class 1 to XII and will be linked with QR code, which will be printed in the textbooks.

Quality of higher education

251. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any survey/study to evaluate the quality of higher education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcomes thereof and the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of higher education in the prevailing global scenario; and
- (c) if not, whether Government is planning to taken any such survey in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has started an annual web-based All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) with the objectives to assess and review the performance of education sector and to strengthen the institutional coordination with the Ministry. The details and outcomes of different surveys are available at website <http://aishe.nic.in/aishe/home> .

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