

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per information furnished by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE), number of students who offered Bio-technology as a subject at the higher secondary stage during the last three years are given as under:-

Year	CBSE	CISCE
2004-05	1961	331
2005-06	2442	544
2006-07	2620	656

(b) CBSE has laid down educational qualifications of a teacher eligible to teach Bio-technology at the higher secondary stage. CBSE has not received any information regarding unqualified teachers teaching Bio-technology in any school in Delhi affiliated to CBSE. CISCE has informed that Bio-technology is not offered as a subject in the higher secondary stage in any of its affiliated schools in Delhi.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) CBSE has informed that no such Committee has been set up by it.

(e) CBSE has prescribed educational qualifications for teachers who are eligible to teach Bio-technology at the higher secondary stage in its affiliated schools.

Sex education in schools

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

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce sex education in schools;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a Task Force to review the module on sex education, designed by National Aids Control Organization and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Ministry of Human Resource Development in collaboration with National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has launched a programme known as Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) which is being implemented by the States and Union Territories of the country in secondary and higher secondary schools.

(c) National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has set up a Committee to review the material pertaining to Adolescence Education Programme. Besides, all the States and Union Territories have also been advised to review the material to align the same in the context of local environment and the socio-cultural ethos.