

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2021

School bag policy for students

1159 Shri K. Somaprasad:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced a bag policy for school students as per the direction from Madras High Court in 2018, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has received the report from the expert committee headed by Ranjana Arora, if so, the details and the action taken on the recommendations?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. The “Policy on School Bag 2020” has been formulated by an Expert Committee under the aegis of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The Policy gives various recommendations and role of different stakeholders for reducing the weight of the school bag, curriculum load and homework to make learning a joyful experience for every child and has also been aligned to National Education Policy, 2020.

The Ministry of Education vide its letter dated 24.11.2020 has requested all the States and UTs to adopt the said Policy and ensure its implementation in their respective jurisdiction.
