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School curriculum framework

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Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether State Governments were allowed to draw up their respective School Curriculum Framework on the basis of the National Curriculum Framework which was announced in 2005;
- (b) if so, whether this policy was to allow different States to have schemes to suit their culture and aspirations while upholding the national framework;
- (c) whether Government has reversed this policy and have sought suggestions from the States, so that national framework is drawn up to make it applicable to all States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether this reversal is tantamount to denting the federal spirit and the policy hitherto followed?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) The National Education Policy, 2020, inter-alia, provides that the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) will be developed.

A comprehensive strategy document has been prepared for the NCFSE. As per the document the States/Union Territories' will first prepare their Curriculum Frameworks passing through the process of district level consultations, mobile app survey and development of position papers by the State Focus Groups in identified areas/themes as per the NEP, 2020. These State Curriculum Framework (SCFs) will take care of cultural and geographical concerns of the States/UTs in education. These draft SCFs will provide inputs to the development of National Curriculum Framework; thus NCF will also capture local flavor from across the country.

(e) There is no reversal of process to the contrary, the process of bottom-up approach shall empower States/UTs to come out with their own State Curriculum Frameworks by infusing their local culture and aspirations while simultaneously aligning to the spirit and essence of NEP, 2020.
