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RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 343 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021

Inclusion of study material on North East in the NCERT curriculum

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

- (a) the current status of the inclusion of study material on the North East India in the NCERT curriculum; and
- (b) whether any plans have been undertaken with regard to upgrading the status of the 'North East India- People, History and Culture' from supplementary reader to a mandatory reader for succeeding syllabus development, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has informed that the contents about various aspects of the North Eastern Region have been included in the current NCERT textbooks for different disciplines of Social Sciences such as History, Geography, Political Science and Sociology across the stages. Besides, supplementary reading material, namely, "Women of North-East India: Making a Difference" and "North East India: People, History and Culture" have also been developed by NCERT. Consequent upon announcement of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, a new National Curriculum Framework (NCF) will be prepared followed by development of new textbooks in all subjects, after extensive research and consultation.
