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Bagless Day in School

1803 **SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:**
SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE) a unit of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has developed comprehensive guidelines for implementation of bagless day in schools and make learning in schools more joyful, experiential and stress free for students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has sought any suggestions from various quarters regarding increasing bagless days in schools and if so, details thereof;
- (d) whether PSSCIVE has reviewed and finalized its guidelines and if so, details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken to provide skill based learning to students in the schools throughout the year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommends that all students will participate in a 10-day bagless period during Grades 6-8 where they will intern with local experts such as carpenters, gardeners, potters, artists, etc.

In pursuance of the above recommendation, the Government in consultation with concerned stakeholders has developed guidelines for 10 bagless days. These guidelines aim at providing children of classes 6-8 an exposure to skill education using experiential learning pedagogy and to make learning at schools joyful and stress free. Under these guidelines, 'Bagless Days' are encouraged throughout the year for various types of activities involving arts, quizzes, sports, and skills; periodic exposure to activities outside school through visits to places/monuments of historical, cultural and tourist importance; meeting local artists and craftsmen and visits to other institutions / educational institutions in their village/Tehsil/District/State as decided by States and local communities and as mapped by local skilling needs.

These guidelines are dynamic and are subject to periodic review based on feedback from concerned stakeholders and other developments.

The guidelines for 10 bagless days for students have been launched on 29th July, 2024 on the occasion of 4th Anniversary of NEP 2020.

(e): The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommends the integration of skill education with general education and mainstreaming of skill education.

Under the Skill Education component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme ‘Samagra Shiksha’, financial assistance is provided to State/UTs for offering National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant skill courses to the students from class 9th to 12th. At the Secondary level i.e., Class IX and X, vocational modules are offered to the students as an additional subject. At Sr. Secondary level, i.e., Class XI and XII, vocational courses are offered as a compulsory (elective) subject. Exposure of pre-vocational education at Upper Primary level, internships, 10 bagless days etc. have been included under Innovation component of Samagra Shiksha. Provision for giving exposure to skill education to the students of Classes VI to VIII has been made with an aim to provide opportunities to the students to orient themselves with the skills required for various occupations in a sector and to equip them to make informed choices while selecting their subjects in higher classes.

So far, NSQF compliant 138 Job Roles (JRs) have been approved for implementation. Employability Skill modules including Communication Skills, Self-Management Skills, Information and Communication Technology Skills, Entrepreneurship Skills, and Green Skills are included in the curriculum of JRs.
