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

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.19 ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

Updation/Revision of NCERT Textbooks for Classes 11th and 12th

*19 Shri Shafi Parambil:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NCERT changed the textbooks of all subjects for classes 11th and 12th as part of the revision/upgradation of the syllabus for the academic year 2024- 25;
- (b) if so, the details of changes made in each subject of classes 11th and 12th for the academic year 2024-25;
- (c) if not, the rationale behind changing and refining the NCERT syllabus for classes 11th and 12th in every academic year;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to constitute a Committee to restructure the syllabus of NCERT textbooks; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 19 ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024 ASKED BY SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'UPDATION/REVISION OF NCERT TEXTBOOKS FOR CLASSES 11TH AND 12TH'.

(a) to (c) During the Pandemic – COVID- 19 situation, students across the stages of school education have struggled a lot to continue their learning through online and other modes. However, concerns related to curriculum load including the content load spread over syllabi and textbooks have been raised from different corners. Therefore, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has rationalised and updated the content of textbooks, as per extant procedures, across the grades and subjects including Grade XI and XII in the year 2021-22. Specific criteria were also developed for the rationalisation of content load, including overlapping content, high difficulty level, etc.

These textbooks are continued from 2022-23 sessions onwards. Subsequently, some updates have been included in the year 2023-24 due to evolution of knowledge, facts and their interpretations. The details of rationalisation are mentioned in the textbooks uploaded online. The details of rationalisation of Grade XI and XII across subject areas are available on the following link:-

https://ncert.nic.in/pdf/BookletClass11.pdf and

https://ncert.nic.in/pdf/BookletClass12.pdf

(d) & (e) As a follow-up of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023, NCERT is in the process of developing new textbooks for Grades III to XII. The National syllabus and Teaching-Learning Material Committee (NSTC) has been constituted to look after the entire process of syllabus and Textbook development. Under the NSTC, Curricular Area Groups have been constituted to develop subject-wise syllabi and teaching-learning materials, including textbooks that incorporate cross-curricular themes.
