

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:367  
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NATIONAL CURRICULUM FRAME WORK  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether at the General Body meeting of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) on May 26, 2002, different State-Education Ministers had raised a number of controversial issues about the changes made and proposed to be made in school text-books;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard along with the objections raised by different State representatives; and
- (c) The response/reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

to (c): During the Annual General Meeting of NCERT held on 26th May, 2002, some of the State Education Ministers requested the Hon'ble Minister for HRD who was chairing the meeting, to convene the meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) and the Education Ministers of States to discuss the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) prepared by NCERT. In response, Hon'ble Minister for HRD informed that the National Curriculum Framework for School Education was prepared after widespread consultations with the States, Educational Institutions, Educationists etc. Copy of the NCFSE was also sent to all the Chief Ministers, Education Ministers, SCERTs etc. of all States prominent leaders of political parties, Members of Parliament and eminent media persons for comments thereon. It was also placed on the internet on NCERT Website.

Hon'ble Minister also informed that NCERT text books contain material that is free from any communal bias and rather emphasise equal respect for all religions and national integrity. The matter is now subjudice and is likely to be heard by the Hon'ble Supreme Court shortly.