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INTRODUCTION OF NEW COURSES BY C.B.S.E.
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced recently two new courses in the current academic session;

(b) if so, whether Multimedia and Web Technology has been introduced as a main elective subject in Class 11 and Disaster Management has been introduced in Class 8 as a compulsory component;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the benefits to accrue to the individual student and the society as a whole with the introduction of these courses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): As per the information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the subject of Multimedia & Web Technology has been introduced as one of the elective subject at class XI & XII level and Disaster Management has been introduced as an integral component of social sciences in class VIII.Multimedia and Web Technology course covers Web Development, writing server & client scripts, proficiency in Web Management/creating web-sites, designing graphical images, audio & video capture etc.

The subject Disaster Management acquaint students about various disasters that India is vulnerable to, hazard maps visualizing such vulnerabilities and tips for preparedness to reduce vulnerability and impact of disaster on lives, livelihood & property.

(d): The Multimedia and Web Technology course has been introduced as a response to the impact of technology in the society and the students opting for the subject are expected to acquire practical competencies in web design and management of Multimedia tools.

The students studying Disaster Management would acquire competencies which are crucial for the disaster preparedness, do's and don'ts during disasters and also reduction of vulnerabilities.