

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:87  
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005  
SETTING UP OF TEXTBOOK REGULATORY COUNCIL  
Badiga Shri Ramakrishna;Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up a Textbook Regulatory Council to review textbooks prescribed by independent educational boards/agencies as reported in The Hindustan Times dated October 20, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to bring uniformity in the curriculum of schools and colleges across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

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

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 87 BY SHRI SARVEY SATHY ANARAYANA AND SHRI BADIGA RAMAKRISHNA REGARDING SETTING UP OF TEXTBOOK REGULATORY COUNCIL DUE FOR ANSWER ON THE 29TH NOVEMBER, 2005.

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, recommendation of a Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education in this behalf is under consideration.

(c) to (e) No, Sir, The National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 has recently been approved by the Central Advisory Board of Education. NCERT has framed syllabi for Classes I - XII in accordance with NCF 2005. States are expected to frame their curricula keeping in view the National Curriculum Framework.

While standards of higher education in colleges and universities are maintained and coordinated by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the curricula, in keeping with standards, is determined by individual universities.