

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL POPULATION EDUCATION PROJECT

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

(a) whether the National Population Education Project implemented with the financial assistance of United National Population Fund was discontinued in 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to continue this project during the remaining period of 10th five-year plan period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The National Population Education Project (NPEP) programme being implemented with the financial support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was continued up to December 2002. UNFPA discontinued support after December, 2002 because the programme had attained its main objective of institutionalizing population education in the school education system.

(c) & (d) Although population education became integral part content & process of school education and teacher's education the Government of India decided to continue the implementation of the project during 10th five year plan period with its own support because of the following reasons: -

(i) It was urgently needed to integrate the concerns of Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) including the elements of HIV/AIDS and Drug abuse in the contents & process of school education and teacher's education.

(ii) The emerging population and development concerned, such as a sustainable development,gender equality and equity,reproductive rights,changing structure of family and role of family members were yet to be integrated in the curricula,syllabi,textbooks and teaching learning process of school education including teacher's education.