

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

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SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has a proposal to introduce and develop a model of sex education course for schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some State Governments/Voluntary Organisations affiliated to educational institutions are opposing this move;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the further steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) : No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, in collaboration with National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has launched an educational programme, known as Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) for implementation by States and Union Territories in secondary and higher secondary schools. It is focused on three major concerns of adolescence:

- (i) Process of Growing up during adolescence,
- (ii) Prevention of HIV/AIDS and
- (iii) Prevention of Substance (Drug Abuse).

(b) to (e): According to information with National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), there have been some objections to the contents in the Toolkit, which is meant for the teachers. National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) has set up a Committee to critically review the material pertaining to Adolescence Education Programme. Besides, all the States and Union Territories have also been advised to review the material to align the same in the context of local environment and the socio-cultural ethos.