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SEMINAR ON SCHOOL CURRICULUM

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

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training proposes to organize a seminar on "School Curriculum:Policies,Practices and Educational issues among SAARC Nations" to provide a forum for sharing and exchanging efforts addressed at improving the quality of school education for mutual learning;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete measures taken by the Union Government to enhance the quality of school education?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has planned to organize a seminar on "School Curriculum: Policies, Practices and Educational issues among SAARC Nations" with a view to invite the country papers from SAARC countries with a specific objective to share and mutually benefit from curriculum policies,practices and issues among the SAARC nations.

(c) The new National Curriculum Framework (NCF) for School Education has been prepared in 2005 and based thereon,new syllabi and textbooks for classes I to XII have been prepared/are envisaged.Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) several activities has been undertaken to improve the quality of elementary education.This includes recruitment of 8.32 lakh additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio,in-service training of teachers, free distribution of textbooks for primary and upper primary classes to about 6.5 crore SC, ST and girl students, regular academic support to primary and upper primary schools through 6395 Block Resource Centers and 68352 Cluster Resource Centers and regular evaluation of students.