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INCLUSION OF HIV/AIDS SUBJECT IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as a part of the national action plan on HIV/AIDS prevention, the Government has decided to integrate hard facts about the spread, control and prevention of HIV/AIDS in the school curriculum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Health has also been consulted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the views expressed by the Ministry; and
- (e) the time by which the course is likely to be designed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

- (a) No, Sir. The Government has not taken a decision in the matter.
- (b) Under the National Population Education Project (NPEP) supported by Government of India during the X Five Year Plan, HIV/AIDS has been a major component of adolescence education, which is the most important thrust area of the Project. All the basic facts, including the routes of transmission, prevention and control, individual and social responsibility towards HIV positive persons and AIDS patients, are incorporated in adolescence education. Both curricular and co- curricular approaches are being adopted. The curricular approach is aimed at ensuring integration of HIV/AIDS elements in the National Curriculum Framework, syllabi, textbooks and teaching-learning processes. Through co- curricular approach, specially designed co-curricular activities are being organized in schools in a phased manner.
- (c), (d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is an integral part of Inter-Ministerial initiative and is in agreement with HIV/AIDS being made as an integral part of adolescence education. Steps are being taken to ensure that the various elements are effectively integrated.