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LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF AGRICULTURE IN CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposed to include agriculture as a special subject in school curriculum to promote agriculture;and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which this proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The National Curriculum Framework - 2005 for school education proposes interdisciplinary approach for syllabi and textbooks integrating components of agriculture across subjects at all the levels up to class X. The syllabi developed by National Council of Educational Research and Training in Environmental Studies from Classes III to V include themes such as 'Growing plants', 'Growing Food', 'Who produces the food we eat?', etc. In Classes VI to X, the syllabi for Science include themes related to agriculture such as crop production, plant and animal breeding, selection for quality improvement, use of fertilizers and manures; protection from pests and diseases; organic farming, plant hormones, etc. Further, syllabi of Classes VI to X of Geography include the themes such as types of farming, major crops, cropping pattern etc.

Central Board of Secondary Education offers Agriculture as one of the elective subjects for Classes XI and XII.