

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government encourages students to strive for social change;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of lessons which have been incorporated in academic curriculum of the students;and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Education is an effective tool for social change. Some of the guiding principles of National Curriculum Framework,2005 include connecting knowledge to life outside the school, enriching the curriculum to provide for overall development of children rather than remaining textbook centric and nurturing an over -riding identity informed by caring concerns within the democratic policy of the country.

Due care has also been given by National Council of Education Research and Training to address the issues relating to social aspect of changesand development taking place in the society in their textbooks, such as Chipko Movement, Anti arrack movement, farmers' movements, Narmada Bachao Aandolan, movement against social discrimination, Right to Information, Right to Franchise, fundamental rights, rights of tribals, minorities, women, etc. The Disaster Management textbooks published by Central Board of Secondary Education contain relevant information and activities pertaining to creating a culture of disaster preparedness among students, teachers, their families and society. Other curricular initiatives/ collaboration include observance of Earth Day, World AIDS Day, National Education Day, Science Day, Adolescence Education Programme, Comprehensive School Health Programme, Life Skills Education, Road Safety, Disaster Management, Environmental Education etc.