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EDUCATION TO TRIBAL STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the enrichment of school syllabi is in the offing to suit the present changes especially the tribal people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the comments received from the States in this regard; and
- (c) the action plan prepared for the remaining 11th and coming 12th Five Year Plan for tribal students in the scheduled areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The National Curriculum Framework for school education (NCF 2005), states that improvement in quality of education will succeed only if it goes hand in hand with steps to promote equality and social justice. In order to make learning a joyful experience for children, NCF 2005 proposes five guiding principles for curriculum development.

- (i) Connecting knowledge to life outside the school,
- (ii) Ensuring that learning is shifted away from rote methods,
- (iii) Enriching the curriculum to provide for overall development of children rather than remain textbook centric,
- (iv) Making examination more flexible and integrated into classroom life and,
- (v) Nurturing an overriding identity informed by caring concerns within the democratic polity of the country.

NCF 2005 was prepared after wide consultation with stake-holders including the State Governments.

Based on NCF 2005, National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has developed syllabi and textbooks for all subjects and for all stages of schooling. Central Board of Secondary Education has adopted and adapted syllabi prepared by NCERT.

States have been requested to revise their curriculum and syllabi in accordance with the provisions of NCF 2005 by bringing in changes to the curricular contents, teaching learning materials, methods and assessment systems, keeping in view the local needs of the people. Eighteen States have revised their syllabi in the light of NCF 2005.