

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce sex education in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has discussed this matter with State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the response of the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): After consultation with State Govt. representatives and other stakeholders, Ministry of Human Resource Development has introduced "Adolescence Education Programme (AEP)" for implementation in secondary and higher secondary schools .

In view of some criticism regarding appropriateness of the material used in the programme, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW) has set up a Committee to review the material pertaining to Adolescence Education Programme. Besides, all the States and Union Territories have also been advised to review the material to align the same in the context of local environment and socio-cultural ethos.

According to information received by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), which is the nodal organization for Adolescence Education Programme, State Governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan are not implementing Adolescence Education Programme, whereas the State Governments of Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra are for review of the content of the Programme.