

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

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INCLUSION OF LESSONS FROM BHAGWAD GITA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh is planning to include lessons from Bhagwad Gita in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (c) whether religious leaders of other communities have lodged their protest in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Govt. of India has no specific information. Education is on the concurrent list.

Various teaching-learning materials for school education are brought out by the NCERT as well as many agencies working under the State Governments. The National curriculum Framework-2005, developed by NCERT clearly states India is a secular democratic state, which means that all faiths are respected, but at the same time the Indian states has no preference for any particular faith. The felt need, today is to inculcate among children a respect for all people regardless of their religious beliefs. All the groups have equal rights to coexist an flourish and the education system needs to respond to the cultural pluralism inherent in our society.