

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REFORMS IN TEACHERS EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any suggestions regarding reforms in teachers` education and examination system;
- (b) if so, the details of suggestions received and the action taken so far in this regard;
- (c) the names of boards which have agreed on the decisions taken through these suggestions;and
- (d) the reasons forwarded by the boards which have not agreed with the decisions?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Government and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) have held extensive consultations with the State Governments, Universities and other stakeholders for initiating reforms in the teacher education system in the country, and have received suggestions for revision in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Teacher Education, teacher qualification norms, development of a national framework on teacher education, amendments in the NCTE Regulations on recognition norms and procedures, development of syllabus and curriculum and evaluation procedure for various teacher education courses, etc.

Several initiatives have been taken for reforming the teacher education system, including development of a new National Curriculum Framework on Teacher Education, development of 'model' syllabus for various teacher education courses, laying down minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in class I-VIII, initiating the process of revision of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Teacher Education, development of strategies for training of untrained teachers, etc.

The reform initiatives have received positive response from the State Governments, Universities, examination Boards and other stakeholders.