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PROMOTION OF RESEARCH WORK
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is making any changes in syllabus of schools and colleges to promote the liking for research amongst the students in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The National Curriculum Framework- 2005 brought out by the NCERT emphasizes on promoting research interest in students. The NCF- 2005 clearly states, "the curriculum must enable children to find their voices, nurture their curiosity- to do things, to ask questions and to pursue investigations, sharing and integrating their experience with school knowledge-rather than their ability to reproduce textual knowledge. Reorienting the curriculum to this end must be among our highest priorities, informing the preparation of teachers, the annual plans of schools, the design of textbooks, learning materials and teaching plans, and evaluation and examination patterns". NCF- 2005 suggest significant changes in all the curricular areas viz. Science, Mathematics, Languages and Social Science. The new syllabi and textbooks for entire stage of school education in all the subject areas developed by the NCERT incorporate the concerns of NCF- 2005 and provide space for learners to do investigative projects, researches and surveys.

The Central Board of School Education (CBSE) in consonance with the recommendations made by the National Curriculum framework – 2005, has adapted the curricula offered by it on the 'constructivist approach' which reinvigorates the spirit behind any Research activity. Curricular Contents offered by the Board provide adequate scope for research based activities/projects to be undertaken by groups of students under direct supervision of teachers.

UGC framed modal syllabus in 32 subjects in the year 2001 for B.Sc. and M.Sc. only. Syllabus for Colleges are made and adopted by the respective Universities only.