

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:237  
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EXTENSION OF RTE ACT  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide Right to Free and Compulsory Education at secondary level in order to improve the education scenario;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is getting a code of conduct for teachers prepared through National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE);
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide education through media;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the scheme of providing Mid-Day-Meal in private schools is also under consideration; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) in its 58th Meeting held on 7th June, 2011 had recommended the extension of the RTE Act to the secondary stage of education. The Government has constituted a CABE Committee under the chairpersonship of Dr. D. Purandeswari, Minister of State for Human Resource Development to formulate the draft legislation and estimate the requirement of funds for extension of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009 to the secondary level.

(c) & (d): The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) had developed a Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers in December 2010 in consultation with the Education Secretaries of States and representatives of All India Primary and Secondary Teachers' Federations. The same was circulated to the States/UTs, School Managements including KVS/NVS as an advisory for adoption/adaption by them.

(e) & (f): Education through audio-visual mode in TV and radio is imparted by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), State Institutes of Educational Technology (SIET), National Institute of Open Schooling, etc in different languages, including programmes such as Gyan Darshan, Gyan Vani and interactive programmes through EDUSAT facility.

(g) & (h): The Working Group on Elementary Education & Literacy for the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) has recommended extension of Mid Day Meal (MDM) Scheme to the children studying in the private unaided schools in Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste concentration districts in a phased manner.