

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:292
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TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has initiated any plans to improve the teacher training education colleges and institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has assessed the relevance of the current curriculum of B.Ed. colleges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps that NCERT is taking to augment the number of qualified and experienced teachers and bring improvement in the quality of teachers' training in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 292 for 25th April, 2012 asked by SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSHI LAKSHMI: SHRIMATI RAJKUMARI RATNA SINGH: regarding Teacher Training Institutes

(a) & (b): The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has taken several initiatives for improving the teacher education system in the country. These inter alia include : (a) development of a new National Curriculum Framework on Teacher Education (NCFTE 2009); (b) development of 'model' syllabus for various teacher education courses; (c) laying down the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in class I-VIII under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009; (d) stipulating accreditation of teacher education institutions with the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC); (e) regular monitoring of teacher education institutions by way of inspections under the NCTE Act; (f) grant of approval to State Governments for enabling hitherto untrained teachers to acquire the minimum prescribed qualifications; and (g) introduction of a system of self-disclosure of infrastructural and instructional facilities by teacher education institutions.

(c) to (e): The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has reviewed the teacher education courses conducted by its Regional Institutes of Education (RIEs) and has undertaken revision of the 2-year B.Ed. programme for Science, Social Science and Languages. In order to improve the quality of teachers, the NCERT organizes in-service training programmes for teachers through its Regional Institutes of Education and at NIE, New Delhi. The NCERT caters to the educational needs of schools and teachers and provides academic support in the areas of pre-service and in-service teacher education to the States/UTs.