

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3260
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2012
SCIENCE EDUCATION
Rajesh Shri M. B.

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been deterioration in the standard of science education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to appoint a high level committee in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the quality of science education in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): No, Sir. However, NCERT has undertaken a number of steps to improve quality of science education at school level namely development of activity based textbooks, laboratory manuals, exemplar problems, science kits, source books on assessment etc. NCERT has also been organizing several teacher training programmes on the use of these materials.

The CBSE affiliated schools are insisted upon to provide facilities of well-equipped science laboratories for conduct of practical work in the schools, apart from appointment of qualified teachers for teaching the science subject. In addition enrichment activities like science Olympiad and science Exhibitions are conducted to make teaching/learning of Science subjects more interesting and enjoyable.