GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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

(a) whether there has been increasing concern over an inclusive perspective being made a compulsory part of the preparation and continuous professional development of all present and future teachers as well as integral part of teacher training curricula;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is considering to provide fundamental knowledge and skills of inclusive education to teachers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): On the recommendations of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)'s National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education (NCFTE), 2009, teacher training institutions have reformed the curriculum and syllabus of teacher education programmes to inter alia include the concept and strategies for inclusive education, to orient teachers to different types of adjustments which schools have to make to relate teaching to the needs of all learners. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), annual in-service teacher training programmes include components of inclusive education also. Under the Scheme of Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage, special teachers are trained through regular programmes to equip them with handling all students with disabilities.