

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HEALTH EDUCATION IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make health education as part of school curriculum in an attempt to increase awareness about diseases and preventive measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether team of experts from the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and health ministry are working to develop the course structure for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said course is likely to be finalised and introduced in the schools?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) Yes.

(b) Health and Physical Education is already a compulsory subject since 1988. The national curriculum Frame work – 2005, which is a policy document, has already taken the comprehensive Health and Physical education curriculum and the syllabi for class I-X focusing on various dimensions of Health and Physical Education and Yoga.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) offers Physical and Health Education as a compulsory component in its affiliated schools at secondary and senior secondary level.

(c) The National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) with Ministry of Health & family Welfare as consultant is in the process of development of materials of Health & Physical Education for different stages of school Education.

The NCERT on completion would update the existing curriculum with the CBSE as compulsory subject in the school system.