

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to implement uniform syllabus system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present status of the "one nation one syllabus, one test" concept and adoption of 'core curriculum' at secondary and senior secondary levels;
- (d) whether various State Education Boards and other stakeholders have been consulted in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and their response thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (e) There is no proposal to implement a uniform syllabus system in the country. The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (as modified in 1992) recommends that the national system of education will be based on a National Curriculum Framework (NCF), which contains a common core along with other components which are flexible. In August 2009, the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) emphasized the need for all States to modify their curriculum, syllabi and textbooks on the basis of NCF – 2005.

CABE has endorsed the need for a core curriculum in Science and Mathematics at Secondary levels across all Education Boards in the country, so as to provide a level playing field to all students to join professional courses. In a meeting of the Council of Boards of Secondary Education (COBSE) on the 16th February, 2010, 21 Boards unanimously decided to adopt a core curriculum in Science and Mathematics at Senior Secondary level. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has prepared core syllabi and modified textbooks in Science, Mathematics, Commerce and Economics for the Higher Secondary stage. The same is being adopted/adapted by the State Boards.