

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

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FOOD PRESERVATION IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any course for children to preserve the food from getting stale in the school curriculum;
- (b) if so, whether any advice has been taken from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any draft has been prepared in this regard: and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) A reference was received from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, for the inclusion of content on Avoidance of Food Wastage in the syllabi of the Secondary and Higher Secondary schools through the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) - 2005 under the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). NCF-2005, developed by NCERT, includes food as one among six common themes of the syllabus of Environmental Studies of Classes III to V. The content relating to 'Wastage of Food' has been included in the syllabus on Health & Physical Education, a compulsory subject upto the secondary stage, with a focus on avoiding wastage of food. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued an advisory to its affiliated schools to sensitize students to incorporate the topics related to Food in their curricular and extracurricular activities under the curriculum provided by the Board.