

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

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INCLUSION OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AND DANCE IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

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

- (a) whether classical music and dance of the country is the neglected one and would extinct in the coming decades;
- (b) if so, whether there is any demand for inclusion of classical music and dance as a part of curriculum to promote art and dance in schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken by the Government to include classical music, dance, art, etc. in the school curriculum?

**Answer**

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

(a)No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 recommends that Arts Education and Heritage Crafts are to be brought into the domain of the curriculum. In consonance with the NCF-2005, the new syllabi and textbooks in all subject areas developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) include the components of Indian Culture and Philosophy in an integrated manner. The NCERT has also developed syllabi in the areas of Arts, Music and Theatre for classes I to XII, which incorporate various components including classical music. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) prescribes the NCERT syllabus in different subjects and the students can offer the main subjects of Music/Dance/Indian Traditional Dance Drama as electives in Senior Secondary level.