

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

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WEIGHT OF SCHOOL BAGS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether carrying of heavy school bags is causing adverse effect on the health of the school going children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the effective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to lighten the school bags of children?

Answer

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

(a)&(b):No such study has been conducted by the Government.

(c):The National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) prescribes no textbook for early childhood education. Only two textbooks for classes I and II and three books for classes III to V are prescribed by it. The policy of 'no school bag and no homework to the students upto class II' is mandatory to be followed by the schools seeking permanent affiliation with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) as per the provision contained in the Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Board.