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SOCIOLOGY OF SANITATION IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to include "Sociology of Sanitation" as a sub-subject in schools and colleges to address the complexities of the issue;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There is no proposal to include the " Sociology of Sanitation" as a sub-subject in schools and college curricula. However, the National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 stresses the importance of creating awareness about sanitation among schoolchildren. It envisages that the schools must have minimum facilities that include essential furniture, basic amenities (toilets, drinking water) and so on. At the primary stage, 'sanitation' is integrated with living in a holistic perspective as part of Environmental Studies and various issues regarding sanitation are mentioned in the Social and Political Life Textbooks at the Upper Primary stage.