GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2663 ANSWERED ON:13.03.2013 UNIFORM CURRICULUM Singh Shri Radha Mohan

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement uniform curriculum in the Government/private schools of the country wherein the moral education, character building and patriotism will be incorporated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There is no proposal to enforce a uniform curriculum in the Government/ private schools of the country. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) does not differentiate between Government-run and Private Schools and prescribes exactly the same curriculum in the Government-run and private schools of the country. However, schools not affiliated to CBSE follow State curriculums which are not uniform. The National Curriculum Framework, 2005 brought out by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) recommended an integrated and holistic approach for nurturing universal human values and constitutional values at all stages of education to ensure the all round development of students and the building of a healthy society. The new syllabi and textbooks for all subjects at all stages have been developed in consonance with the above principles of National Curriculum Framework, 2005. Education for peace has been recommended as a strategy to make values contextually appropriate. The entire school curriculum including school ethos, policies and practices, teacher's behaviour, attitudes and values, teaching activities in and out of the classroom and teaching of different subjects should enable students to imbibe and develop such values for living in harmony with oneself and others as responsible citizens instead of teaching it as a separate subject. The State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) faculty, teacher educators, and teachers are being oriented by the NCERT to reinforce such values appropriately through integrated pedagogical practice. The NCERT has also finalized a framework on 'Education for Values in Schools'.