

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

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INCLUSION OF WORKS OF SOCIAL ACTIVISTS

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

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposed to take any steps to include ideals and teachings of great saints and legendary figures of the country in the CBSE syllabus;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The syllabi for the schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are framed in accordance with the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 which inter-alia advocates the inclusion of the teachings of saints and legendary figures in the school curriculum. The ideas of eminent social reformers and freedom fighters are amply reflected in the textbooks taught in CBSE affiliated schools. Recently, CBSE approved course:- Traditional Knowledge Practice of India, which teaches the students about our country's ancient wisdom. These textbooks also undergo regular review and revision of their subject matter based on the evolving consensus in the academic community.

(c): Does not arise.