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OZONE PACK FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether UN had released ozone pack based on basic knowledge, practical skill and participation for primary schools to enable children to learn simple solutions to protect the ozone layer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to introduce the said package in the primary schools; and
- (d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Yes,Sir.

(b): The ozone education pack was developed by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Division of Technology, Industry and Economics and received by the Ministry in the year 2006.

This education pack had been developed to provide primary school teachers with a comprehensive and `ready- to- use` educational tool.It is aimed at helping them bring into their classroom the major environmental and human issues related to ozone layer depletion in a way that arouses children`s curiosity and interest.

The materials contained in this Education Pack work together to offer the opportunity of a whole teaching and learning project, based on basic knowledge, practical skills and participation,for young children to be educated about (1) the natural role of the ozone layer (2) the causes and consequences of its depletion in terms of increased harmful solar radiation,how to prevent health threats by protecting the ozone layer and (3) concrete solutions concerning how to be protected from the sun and adapt oneself to increased levels of UV radiation.

(c) & (d): This education pack was received for information and reference.The National Curriculum Framework (2005) has emphasized the need for "infusing components of environmental education as part of different disciplines" of school curriculum.