

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

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PROMOTION OF COMMUNAL HARMONY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any action plan for educating students about communal harmony in schools and colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has national level creative competitions on promotion of communal harmony and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The National Curriculum Framework-2005 (NCF-2005), brought out by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and approved by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), provides guidelines for the development of textbooks. The contents of the Textbooks include study materials on values, secularism and peace education for promotion of communal Harmony among students. The Universities also promote communal harmony through curricular and co-curricular activities. Creative competitions are organized by the Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas for the promotion of communal harmony among students. The Ministry of Home Affairs provides financial assistance to the States/UTs for organizing essay competitions for school children at the district level and for college students at the State/UT level.