

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether school children are being imparted disaster management lessons, both in Government and private schools in Delhi to meet any kind of eventuality during disasters and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether such training is also being imparted to students of other States of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such students would be provided with certain gadgets for use during such eventualities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. School children are imparted lessons on disaster Management in all the schools of Delhi. The following activities are conducted in schools in Delhi:

- i. Mock drill on disaster management/fire safety is conducted regularly in the schools.
- ii. Children of various schools were deputed to generate awareness among them while observing live demonstration of various equipments used during the rescue and relief operation at the time of any disaster.
- iii. Disaster management has been introduced as a compulsory part of the curriculum at the secondary level.

(b): Education being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and most of the schools being under the purview of the respective State Governments, it is the responsibility of the respective State Governments to take appropriate action in this regard. However, the Central Board Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken the following initiatives to impart education on disaster management in the schools affiliated with the CBSE across the country:

- i. The Board introduced the subject of Disaster Management in class VIII-X as a part of Social Sciences from the academic year 2003-04 onward in a phased manner and as a part of Geography and Sociology in class XI in the academic session 2005-06.
- ii. The Board had brought out textbooks in the topics of disaster management for each of the classes VIII, IX, X and XI with support from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.
- iii. The Board had issued a circular in July, 2009 requesting the schools to contact the National Disaster Management Authority for taking up disaster preparedness initiatives in their schools.
- iv. A Supplementary Textbook in Geography for class XI titled Natural Hazards and Disasters published by the CBSE lays adequate stress on preparing Disaster Management plans for schools.
- v. The Board has published a Life Skills Manual in four volumes covering an important theme of Being Responsible and Safe.
- vi. The Board has brought out Safety Guidelines under its affiliation Bye-laws for the schools affiliated to it.
- vii. The topic Disaster Management has been made a part of Formative Assessment under School Based Assessment Scheme implemented from 2009.

(c)&(d): No such proposal is under consideration.