

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TEACHER EDUCATION SYSTEM
Thota Shri Narasimham

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering bringing teachers education system into the university system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether currently teachers training for elementary and secondary level is conducted in association with bodies such as the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and Teacher Education Institutions and these would become irrelevant once the teachers education is brought to the university system; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b): The Justice Verma Commission on Teacher Education has recommended that Teacher Education should be part of the Higher Education System.
- (c) & (d): Presently, the teacher education system of the country spans across both the State institutions like the SCERT and DIETs and the University system. In order to bring greater convergence between School Education and University System on issues of teacher education, Government has conducted convergence meetings between all stakeholders. Recently, University Grants Commission (UGC) and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) jointly conducted a meet of all Central and State University Vice Chancellors and State Education Secretaries from School and Higher Education Department to discuss issues of teacher education.