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

- (a) whether moral education is a part of school curriculum in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether this subject is taught upto 12th standard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in view of the declining moral values in society, the Government proposes to make this subject mandatory in school education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Education is a subject on the Concurrent List of the Constitution and implementation of School Education lies primarily with the State Governments. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks prescribe themes and examples related to moral conduct across the subject areas and across the various stages of school education in the syllabi and textbooks for classes I - XII as a follow-up of the National Curriculum Framework- 2005. The NCERT has also brought out a Value Education Framework entitled "Education for values in schools - A framework" which provides guidelines to schools to identify their priorities of values and plan their actions accordingly. The NCERT has also developed a Resource Book for teachers 'Ways to Peace'.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has made moral education compulsory in the curriculum offered to the schools affiliated to it, and published source books for classes VI-VIII and a Teacher's Manual on Life Skills for Classes IX-X and also on Environmental Education and Adolescent Education which help to foster values in children. The CBSE has also introduced value based questions from the prescribed books in the Summative Assessment II in classes IX-X and in the final examination in classes XI-XII from the year 2012-13, and launched a value education kit comprising of a Hand Book for Teachers, Value Cards and a CD on songs on the theme of Duty, Solidarity and Respect for Nature.