

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had made/ proposes to make health education as part of school curriculum in an attempt to increase awareness about diseases and preventive measures;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a team of experts from the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and the Health Ministry have developed/are working to develop the course structure for the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said course is likely to be finalised and introduced in the schools?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) & (b): Health and Physical Education is already a part of the school curriculum from Class I-XII. Besides age-appropriate and context specific health education content have also been provided for the syllabi and textbooks of Science up to class X, and in subjects like Biology and Psychology in classes XI and XII.

(c) & (d): As per the recommendation of the National Focus Group Position Paper on Health and Physical Education (National Curriculum Framework-2005) duly constituted syllabus and Textbook committee(s) have developed the Health and Physical Education syllabi and draft material for textbooks. The draft material of these textbooks are in various stages of finalization. As per the procedure, these textbooks will be published after their finalization and approval of the competent authority.

However, as stated, The existing curriculum, syllabus pertaining to Health and Physical Education is already being implemented by schools.