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EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced adolescent education programme in schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to delete such content from school text books; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) The Government has introduced Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) in November, 2005 on pilot basis with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) support with Central Board of Secondary Education, National Institute of Open Schooling, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti as implementing agencies and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) being the coordinating and monitoring agency. It aims to develop value enhanced Life Skills for Coping and Managing concerns of Adolescence, to provide accurate knowledge to students about processes of growing-up HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse and enable them to deal with Gender Stereotypes and prejudices.

NCERT co-ordinates the programme and works through both curricular and co-curricular formats to contribute towards holistic development of young people in pursuance of the National Curriculum Framework-2005. Adolescence Education is also a part of National Population Education Project. Under this Project various activities like Role Play, folkdance, poster, debate etc. focusing on understanding prevention of HIV and AIDS and prevention Substance Abuse are organized in schools of 30 States and UTs.

(b) & (c) It is a Co-curricular activity with main focus on Life Skills Development.