

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CHANGES IN EDUCATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to bring changes in the existing education system and overhauling the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) and the National Council of Teachers Education (NCTE); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Changes in the education system at various levels take place as and when the need is felt. For example, the National Policy on Education 1986, as amended in 1992, has been the guiding document for the policies of the Central Government in the education sector. National Curriculum Framework (NCF) - 2005 shaped curriculum, syllabi and text books in the school education system in the Centre as well as the States. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 was enacted to bring about significant changes in the elementary education sector. It is thus the endeavour of the Government to keep pace with changing times.

The National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has been providing academic support and guidance to the State Governments to develop School Curriculum, teacher training and supplementary teaching learning materials since inception and has brought incremental improvements in the school education system over the years. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also introduced several improvements in the evaluation and certification system in the past few years. In the field of Teacher Education, a High Powered Commission under the Chairmanship of Justice Late J.S. Verma, former Chief Justice of India has made critical recommendations for the teacher education system including the role and functions of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). Therefore, change and improvement is inherent in the activities of all Government institutions associated with educational development.