

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines for imparting education in Disaster Management Plans to educate the students for facing the Natural Calamity situations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) being an All India Secondary Education Board has issued the following guidelines for imparting education in Disaster Management in its affiliated schools.

- i. The Board had introduced the subject of Disaster Management in classes VIII-X as a part of Social Sciences from the academic year 2003-04 onward in a phased manner and as a part of Geography and Sociology in class XI in the academic session 2005-06
- ii. The Board had brought out textbooks in the topics of disaster management for each of the classes VIII, IX, X and XI with support from Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India
- iii. The Board had issued a Circular in July 2009 urging schools to contact National Disaster Management Authority for taking up disaster preparedness initiatives in their schools.
- iv. Supplementary Textbook in Geography for Class XI titled Natural Hazards and Disasters published by CBSE lays adequate stress on preparing Disaster Management plans for schools
- v. The Board has published Life Skills Manual in four volumes covering an important theme of "Being Responsible and Safe".
- vi. The Board has brought out Safety Guidelines under its affiliation Bye- laws for the schools affiliated to it.
- vii. Disaster Management has been made a part of Formative Assessment under the school Based Assessment scheme implemented from 2009.

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), basic infrastructural facilities such as school buildings are funded and the states have been requested to provide safety features (against natural hazards) in the structural design of school buildings so as to as made them safe.