

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF SUBJECTS IN CBSE CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Aryan Culture and Vedic Age is not being reflected in its true picture in text books and almost all Boards including CBSE;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration to study the history text books for taking corrective measures on the issue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time its report is likely to be submitted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) and (b): Aryan Culture and Vedic Age are adequately reflected in the syllabus and textbooks taught in Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools. The textbooks of history of class VI, published by the NCERT, in chapter 5 and chapter 6 reflect Aryan Culture and Vedic Age suiting the age group. CBSE is offering an elective named "Knowledge Traditions and Practices of India" since 2012-13 in classes XI-XII. It is based on the intellectual achievements of Indian thought that are found across several fields of study in ancient Indian texts ranging from the Vedas and the Upanishads to a whole range of scriptural, philosophical, scientific, technical and artistic sources.

(c) and (d): No such proposal is under consideration.