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LOK SABHA**

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DURATION OF B.ED. AND M. ED. COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the duration of B.Ed. and M. Ed. courses; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The Justice Verma Commission on Teacher Education had recommended that for improving the quality of teacher education, the duration of teacher education programme like M.Ed. need to be enhanced. Accordingly, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), which is responsible for standards in teacher education, has reviewed the matter and decided to increase the duration of B.Ed. and M. Ed. Courses to two years duration. The course design and curriculum have been revised in B.Ed. curriculum to provide inter alia, for emphasis on practical training and school internship, while the M.Ed. programme has been redesigned with additional inputs including inter alia, specializations in elementary education or including curriculum development, educational policy analysis, education planning and administrations, supervisors, school leadership and research, in order to up date and strengthen of masters level programme for preparing teacher educators.