

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3626
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

Education on Communal Harmony

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to impart education of communal harmony to the students in schools and colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c): The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005, developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), emphasizes on ethical development, inculcating the values, attitudes and skills required for living in harmony with oneself and with others. NCERT has informed that their textbooks in Social Sciences have already included the themes that focus on communal harmony across the stages. The curriculum, syllabus and textbooks developed by NCERT are followed in all the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools. So far as the Universities and Colleges are concerned, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has developed an 'Educational Framework for Global Citizenship in Higher Education', which aims at enabling individuals to recognise, respect and appreciate differences and multiple identities, to live in harmony with others; and demonstrate empathy and compassion.
