

Incentives to New Sugar Factories

138. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to give incentives to new sugar factories by allowing free sale of sugar for atleast seven to ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) to (c). Formulation of a new incentive scheme to cover new sugar factories and expansion projects is presently under the consideration of Government.

Alternation in Syllabus by Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad has revised the syllabus of various courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the plan of action formulated to tackle the situation;

(d) whether the Government propose to make an uniform syllabus through NCERT and prepare text books for all the schools in the country based on a national system of education; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). According to the NCERT, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has recently initiated a process of re-writing some of its school textbooks, particularly of history. A new course of vedic Mathematics is being introduced by the State Government from the current year for classes IX and X and from the next year for other classes.

(c) In June, 1991, a National Steering Committee has been constituted to oversee the on-going programme of the Union Government to evaluate the school textbooks from the point of view of National integration. On receipt of some Press reports highlighting modification of school textbooks mainly of history, in some States including Uttar Pradesh, the Minister of Human Resource Development addressed all the Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors in February, 1992 emphasising on the need to protect secular values in School education and urging them to ensure that the above-mentioned programme of review of textbooks is facilitated and due action taken on the Committee's recommendations. Recently a multi-pronged plan of action had been drawn up for tackling the situation at educational and other levels.

(d) and (e). Keeping in view the postulates of National Policy on Education, the NCERT brought out in 1988, a National Curricular Framework for Elementary and Secondary