

Government of India  
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Department of School Education and Literacy

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1031**  
ANSWERED ON- 02/12/2024

**Bagless Days in Schools under NEP 2020**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NEP 2020 has recommended bagless ten days for the students of class six to eight;
- (b) whether PSS Central Industrial Vocational Institute (PSS CIVI) has formulated any comprehensive guidelines to implement the bagless days;
- (c) If so, the details thereof and the objectives of the scheme;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the guidelines of NCERT for implementation of bagless days in the schools;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the shortcomings found in the implementation of these guidelines and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (f): National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommends that all students will participate in a 10-day bagless period during Grades 6-8 where they intern with local experts such as carpenters, gardeners, potters, artists etc.

In pursuance of the above recommendation, the Government in consultation with concerned stakeholders has developed guidelines for 10 bagless days. These guidelines aim at providing children of classes 6-8 an exposure to skill education using experiential learning pedagogy and to make learning at schools joyful and stress free. Under these guidelines,

‘Bagless Days’ are encouraged throughout the year for various types of activities involving arts, quizzes, sports, and skills; periodic exposure to activities outside school through visits to places/monuments of historical, cultural and tourist importance; Identification of Plants, Trees and Birds around school; meeting local artists and craftsmen and visits to other institutions / educational institutions in their village/Tehsil/District/State as decided by States and local communities and as mapped by local skilling needs.

These guidelines are dynamic and are subject to periodic review based on feedback from concerned stakeholders and other developments.

The guidelines for 10 bagless days for students have been launched on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 on the occasion of 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NEP 2020.

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