

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:23
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2001
REVIEW OF NEW CURRICULUM BY NCERT
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have received a spate of representations in regard to review of the new curriculum by NCERT;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether any panel of academicians and experts has been formed to select curriculum for NCERT books; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
(MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

A STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.23 BY S/SHRI ADHIR CHOWD NARESH PUGLIA DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 2001 REGARDING REVIEW OF NEW CURRICULUM BY NCERT.

(a) to (e): The Union Government have not received a spate of representations in regard to the review of the new curriculum of the NCERT. However, two letters expressing certain concerns on the new curriculum developed by the NCERT have been received. It has been observed therein that there is a deviation from the National Policy on Education, 1986 in the development of curriculum and textbooks by the NCERT, and also that the same is being done with secrecy. It has also been observed that the matter has not been discussed in the Central Advisory Board of Education and in the State Education Ministers' conference.

The NCERT curriculum framework has been prepared after extensive consultation and there is no deviation from the National Policy on Education, 1986. Its core and secular values have been fully retained in the curriculum. After preparation of the curriculum framework, NCERT develops subject-wise syllabi. The syllabi are sent to all the Central and State School Boards of Education who may adopt or adapt as per their requirements. The NCERT also develops textbooks. The textbooks are prepared through an established practice under which NCERT draws upon inputs and expertise from academicians including subject-area experts. There is no fixed panel of experts. It also involves practising teachers having knowledge and experience in subject areas of the textbooks. When textbooks are finally printed, the names of experts associated with development of the textbooks are mentioned on them. The State Governments may adopt or adapt or may have their own textbooks.