

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF MATHS CORNERS BY NCERT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NCERT had stated in the National Curriculum Framework that all schools should set up Maths Corners;
- (b) if so, the details and salient features thereof;
- (c) the number of schools that has so far set up Maths Corners as suggested by the NCERT;
- (d) whether CBSE and NCERT have discussed the concept of Maths Corners;
- (e) if so, whether CBSE and NCERT have decided to launch a joint programme to encourage schools to set up Maths Corners; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. NCERT has recommended the setting up of Maths corners in Schools in the National Curriculum Framework for School Education -2000. Maths Corner means space for setting Mathematical activities. Maths Corners are to be established in schools either at a suitable place in the existing Science laboratories or in a separate room if the school can arrange for it, to help exploration of Mathematical concepts/facts through experimentation. This will help in learning Mathematics through activities from the beginning of school education, i.e., from the Primary Stage itself. These activities may involve the use of concrete learning materials such as charts, pictures, posters, games, puzzles, models and experiments. These 'Maths Corners' will gradually culminate in Mathematics laboratory.
- (c) The NCERT/CBSE has no information in this regard but many schools affiliated with CBSE have already set up Maths Laboratory.
- (d) While discussing the concepts of Maths Corners in Schools in the NCFSE-2000, representatives and nominees from various Boards of Secondary Education in the country including CBSE, were consulted. CBSE is continuously interacting with NCERT with regard to issues in Mathematics education.
- (e) So far, there is no proposal to launch a joint programme of NCERT and CBSE for the setting up of Maths Corners in Schools.
- (f) Does not arise.