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ART EDUCATION IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NCERT has established a new department to promote arts education in the school curriculum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to integrate arts education with other academic curriculum; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) and (b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has created a new department known as the Department of Art and Aesthetics, to perform following activities:

- (i) Prepare and review the curriculum and syllabus of visual and performing arts including crafts periodically;
- (ii) Develop teaching and learning materials on different art forms of visual and performing arts for all stages of school education;
- (iii) Conduct research in the areas of arts education;
- (iv) Design pre-service and in-service teacher training courses;
- (v) Establish a networking of different regional, national and international institutions working for arts education;
- (vi) Help the states in capacity building for their development work regarding all the above activities;

(c) and (d) The Art Education and School Curriculum has always been visualized as an area to be integrated with all subjects and also as separate subject. The National Curriculum Framework-2005 re-emphasizes on the Arts Education as a compulsory subject from class VI to X and as an integrated area across the curriculum.