

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1858

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2006

N.C.E.R.T.

Verma Shri Ravi Prakash

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

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has drawn up a scheme to revive and sustain alternative traditions of education that blossomed during the colonial rule as a reaction to the Macaulay system of education as reported in The Hindu dated October 03, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof along the objectives therefor;

(c) the names of schools which will be considered for financial and academic support; and

(d) the assistance proposes to be provided therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Under the programme "Revival of Selected Heritage Schools in the country", National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) intends to provide academic and other support to such schools which were, inter alia, founded during Indian freedom movement inspired by nationalist education and represented a heritage of innovative pedagogy and/or innovative educational techniques as a viable alternative to the system of formal education evolved during colonial period.

(c) NCERT has received 93 proposals, but the names of schools which will be given support have not been finalised.

(d) NCERT intends to provide academic and other support for a few years till the institutions regain their glory, declare them as heritage schools, and help them to have distinct identities.