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SEXUAL HEALTH PROGRAMME IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to start Adolescence and Reproductive Sexual Health Programme in Schools;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) The time by which this programme will be implemented in all schools in the country ?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched "Adolescence Education Programme" (AEP) which is being implemented by all the States and Union territories of the country. Besides State/UT Governments, National council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

(KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), National Institute of Open Schooling

(NIOS) and Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE) are also involved in implementation of this programme.

The framework of the Programme incorporates three major concerns of adolescence ;

(i) Process of Growing up during adolescence,

(ii) Prevention of HIV/AIDS and

(iii) Prevention of Substance (Drug) Abuse. These include the crucial issues related to reproductive & sexual health. The programme is meant for the students of secondary and higher secondary schools and is an effort to help the students acquire life skills so that they avoid risky situations and take informed decisions and develop healthy and responsible behaviour.

The overarching objective of AEP is two-fold

(i) to integrate adolescence education elements in school curriculum from primary to senior secondary stages, teacher education course and materials of adult literacy programmes and

(ii) to organize life skills based co-curricular activities in the secondary and higher secondary schools.

(c) : The present phase of Adolescence Education Programme aims at covering all the Government and Government-aided secondary and higher secondary schools of the country. Coverage of all such schools depends on the pace of implementation by the respective State/UT Governments.