

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce sex education in school curriculum ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor ;
- (c) whether Government has sought the views of experts in this regard ;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard ;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and :
- (f) the time by which it is likely to be introduced ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The National Curriculum Framework 2005 reflects reproductive and sexual health needs of adolescents and recommends integration of these elements in the content and process of school education. Under the National Population Education Project being implemented in school education sector a comprehensive Adolescence Education Programme is being implemented by States and Union Territories. It is focused on providing accurate and authentic knowledge about the process of growing up (sexual development during adolescence), HIV/AIDS and substance abuse.

(c)to(e)NCERT organized a National Seminar on Adolescence Education in April 1993 which recommended the introduction of adolescence education in all stages of schooling. It was attended by experts, psychologists, social scientists, pedagogues, activists in the area of sex education and AIDS education, teacher educators, teachers and parents. Based on the national consensus and as a follow up of the recommendations of this Seminar, NCERT developed its conceptual framework through consultations in four regional seminars.

(f) Adolescent education elements have been included in the syllabi for classes VIII to XII. Some of the elements, especially on HIV/AIDS, have been integrated in syllabi and textbooks of a number of States. As and when the syllabi and textbooks are revised, efforts are made to integrate these elements.