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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to make compulsory the learning of martial arts and other self-defence skills right from the schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) NCERT has recently developed the syllabi of Health and Physical Education for all stages of school education as a core subject and for classes XI and XII as an optional subject. The syllabi of Health and Physical Education from class I-X under sports skill abilities provide adequate space to Self Defense, Martial Art such as Judo and Karate. The various States/State Boards are free to adopt the syllabi prepared by NCERT after adapting it to their needs.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also developed the Secondary curriculum wherein Combative/Martial Arts is one of suggestive activities including major games such as Wrestling and Judo. Students can offer Physical Education as the main subject and Judo and Taekwondo are also taught under the CBSE's Physical Education curriculum.