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National Curriculum Framework, 2022

40 # **Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the brief details of the National Curriculum Framework, 2022 meant for foundational stage;
- (b) the manner in which it will be helpful towards the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, the details thereof; and
- (c) the plan formulated by Government of Rajasthan for the implementation of the NEP, 2020, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT ANNPURNA DEVI)

a) The National Curriculum Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education (NCFECCE), called Foundational Stage is one of the four stages of National Curriculum Framework (NCFs). It is the first ever integrated Curriculum Framework for children between ages 3-8 in India. It is a direct outcome of the 5+3+3+4 ‘curricular and pedagogical’ structure that NEP 2020 has come out with for School Education. The NCF for Foundational Stage (NCFFS) has been developed by NCERT through an extensive consultative process with States & UTs upto grassroot level and various institutions and organisations. It was released by Hon’ble Education Minister on 20th Oct 2022 at New Delhi. Some transformative ideas for implementation of quality school education are included in the Framework, which are- toy-based pedagogy, play as the core of teaching-learning process, lifestyle for environment, learning about the external world. The framework has provided for stimulating experiences for the child’s development in all dimensions – cognitive, social-emotional, physical, to enable the achievement of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy for all children.

b) As articulated in NEP 2020, it uses ‘play,’ at the core of the conceptual, operational, and transactional approaches to curriculum organization, pedagogy, time and content organization, and the overall experience of the child. It also lays a clear path for the goal of achieving foundational literacy and numeracy as articulated in NEP 2020, with age-appropriate strategies.

NCFFS aims:

- To guide the preparation of the Teachers for this Stage of education.
- To support the implementation NEP 2020 perspectives for Early Childhood Care and education and strengthening its linkages with the preparatory, middle and secondary stages leading to holistic development of a child.
- To strengthen foundational literary and numeracy.
- To bring teachers, parents and community to work together to provide children at this stage high quality education.

The details on the developments on NCF may be found at the given link:
<https://ncf.ncert.gov.in/#/web/home>

c) As per the information provided by the State government of Rajasthan, State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha has been nominated as the nodal officer for the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) in school education by the State government. Six committees (groups) have been formed for the implementation of the NEP 2020 in the State by the order issued by the Department of School Education and Languages, Government of Rajasthan.
