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Preference for the Humanities stream

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that students of Class XI are less likely to choose the humanities stream in comparison to the science and the commerce stream;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government plans to introduce a proposal to encourage interested students to opt for the Humanities stream without conforming to parental pressure; and
- (d) whether Government plans to address this issue through the National Education Policy introduced in 2020 and if so, how far it has been able to achieve the desired target?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d): Education is a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and schools, other than those owned / funded by Central Government, are under the jurisdiction of the State Governments. As far as Central Board of Secondary Education is concerned, it does not offer students different packs of subjects tied together as streams. Students, except for one compulsorily language, are free to take four or five electives drawing from any or all broader fields such as sciences, humanities, commerce, and skills simultaneously.

The National Education Policy, 2020 has focused upon inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary approaches. It has also focused upon empowering students through flexibility through course choices.
