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National Education Policy 2020

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

- (a) whether it has been suggested in the National Education Policy 2020 that school curriculum and pedagogy should be aimed at holistic development of students by equipping them with key skills/practical knowledge of 21st century and parallelly acquiring essential knowledge of India's traditional Knowledge system, volume of curriculum to be reduced to enhance learning and focus more on experiential learning;
- (b) whether necessary steps have been taken on the above suggestion of National Education Policy 2020; and
- (c) steps taken to give positive and targeted results?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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- (a) National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 suggests that the key overall thrust of curriculum and pedagogy reform across all stages will be to move the education system towards real understanding and towards learning how to learn - and away from the culture of rote learning as is largely present today. The aim of education will not only be cognitive development, but also building character and creating holistic and well-rounded individuals equipped with the key 21st century skills.
- (b) Major initiatives undertaken for the implementation of NEP, 2020 includes- National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN) Bharat, Vidya Pravesh, Toy-based pedagogy, National Curriculum Framework (NCF) for Foundational Stage, Jaadui Pitara- a collection of Learning-Teaching Material, etc. As per the

recommendations of NEP 2020, four National Curriculum Frameworks is to be developed, viz. Foundational, School Education, Teacher Education and Adult Education. The National Curriculum Framework for the Foundational Stage (NCF-FS) was brought out. This was released by Ministry of Education on 20th October, 2022 at New Delhi.

(c) As a follow-up of the NCF-FS, keeping play at the core of learning, a collection of Learning-Teaching Material for the foundational stage titled as Jaadui Pitara has been launched on 20th February 2023 by the Ministry of Education. Around 7.5 lakh secondary stage teachers and 9.5 lakh teachers dealing with foundational stages have completed module(s) on toy-based pedagogy on Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) portal. Handbook on Toy-based Pedagogy developed by the NCERT has been launched by the Ministry of Education on the occasion of Shikshak Parva, 2022. Based on the syllabus, textbooks for Hindi, English, Mathematics and Urdu for Classes 1 and 2 have been developed and launched on 04th July, 2023. The textbooks focus on play based, discovery based, story based pedagogical approaches rooted in our culture for curriculum transaction.
