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RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTING INDIAN CULTURAL VALUES IN EDUCATION

515. # SHRI SAMIR ORAON:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken/proposed by Government to promote Indian cultural values in education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the views/comments (if any) expressed by the States regarding these steps taken/proposed by Government?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c):

The Government of India has undertaken various initiatives to promote Indian Cultural Values in Education, in alignment with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The NEP 2020 proposes to include ethical reasoning, traditional Indian values and all basic human & Constitutional values in school curriculum. To attain the vision of NEP 2020, the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2023 is released. NCFSE 2023 is committed to India's cultural and intellectual heritage by integrating key principles deeply rooted in the Indian context and thought. The framework embraces ancient traditions across various aspects of school education.

With an aim to promote Indian Knowledge System, Ministry of Education through its central sector scheme "Indian Knowledge Systems" (IKS) has set up 53 IKS centers across the country that promote Indian Values through various activities, funded 88 research project in 13 interdisciplinary domains to facilitate creation of new knowledge, provided 5200 internships in various domains of IKS for promoting IKS among youth, introduced Bhartiya Games and Kalashala to promote Indian games and Artforms in schools, conducted more than 80 Faculty Development Programmes/Workshops/Conferences & trained more than 2500 teachers across the country. Moreover, approximately 1000 faculty has been trained by University Grants Commission (UGC) in traditional knowledge along with value system in the regular classroom.

To promote Indian cultural values in higher education, UGC has issued various guidelines including;

- i. Guidelines for Incorporating Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in Higher Education Curricula. It prescribes that every student enrolled in a UG or PG programme should be encouraged to take credit courses in IKS amounting in all to at least 5% of the total mandated credits (interested students may be allowed to take a larger fraction of the total mandated credits).
- ii. Guidelines for HEIs for inculcation of Human Values and Professional Ethics (Mulyappravah).
- iii. Guidelines for introducing courses based on Indian heritage and culture.
