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Vedic scriptures in school curriculum

2918 # **Shri Mithlesh Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken initiative to integrate traditional Indian knowledge systems, including Vedic scriptures, into the school curriculum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures being taken to evaluate the impact of such integration on students' learning outcomes and their interest in traditional knowledge?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) As a follow up the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS) 2022 and National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023 have been developed under the guidance of National Steering Committee. In alignment with the NCFs, National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC) was constituted for the development of Teaching-learning material including Textbooks. Under this NSTC, 13 Curricular Area Groups (CAGs) were constituted of which Indian Knowledge System (IKS) was one which has been recommended in NCFs as cross curricular area. This CAG has done mapping of concepts and resources of Indian Knowledge Systems for all school subjects across all classes for integrating IKS, including Vedic and other scriptures in concepts. In all the new textbooks published and under-development, it has been ensured that IKS has been appropriately integrated in all subjects. Further, IKS is integrated not

only in textbooks but also in a variety teaching-learning material such as Jaadui Pitara (for small children of Balvatika). Several concepts across these materials have been deliberately and consciously infused on the cover pages, contents, lessons, chapters, visuals, exercises, exploratory projects, etc. of all the materials. Several research projects were also undertaken in NCERT e.g. on Indigenous Sports, IKS material in Economics, Sciences etc. A National Resource Centre of Indian Knowledge Systems for School Education, funded by the Ministry of Education has been working for providing support for this purpose.
