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Sikh history in curriculum

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Delhi University's undergraduate program B.A. History course does not have any chapter on entire Sikh history;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry is planning to include Sikh history in CBSE and undergraduate B.A. history in university curriculum; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) & (b): University of Delhi is a statutory autonomous organization established under an Act of Parliament and governed by the Delhi University Act, 1922 and the Statutes and Ordinances made thereunder. The University has informed that Sikh history is taught in the Undergraduate History Courses. The details of the chapter being taught at Undergraduate Level is as under:

- (i) The B.A. History Honours DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -1 (DSC-1) History of India – IV: c.1200 – 1500 teaches Guru Nanak under the Bhakti Tradition in Unit IV,
- (ii) DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE (DSE): Delhi Through the Ages teaches Marathas and Sikhs in Delhi,
- (iii) DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -1 (DSC-1) –: History of India c.1550 – 1700 teaches Sikhs in the 17th century,
- (iv) B.A. Programme DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC-1): History of India c. 1550 – 1700 teaches Sikh history under Unit III,
- (v) GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-1): Religious Traditions in the Indian Subcontinent teaches the emergence of Sikhism in Unit II: Major Religious Traditions in Medieval India,
- (vi) BA Programme, Semester V, History of India 1700-1857 teaches Punjab as one the rubrics under Expansion and Consolidation of British Power,
- (vii) Semester VI HISTORY OF INDIA 1857-1950 (GADAR, SINGH SABHA, AKALI MOVEMENTS) and
- (viii) Semester VI Travel on History: Trade, Politics and Society (Guru Nanak in the rubric Travel, Texts and History).

(c) & (d): As regards inclusion of Sikh history in CBSE, CBSE has informed that schools affiliated to CBSE follow textbooks published by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The newly published NCERT textbook for Grade 8, titled "Exploring Society: India and Beyond – Social Science Textbook for Grade 8 - Part 1", includes content on Sikh history in Chapter 2.
