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Removal of Darwin's "Theory of Evolution" from NCERT textbooks

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Darwin's "Theory of Evolution" has been removed from the NCERT science textbooks for class 9 and class 10;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the word 'evolution' has been dropped from the Science textbooks of Classes 9 and 10;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that the chapter on 'Heredity and Evolution' has been retitled to 'Heredity'; and
- (f) if so, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): The teaching-learning process in Science is a continuum from middle to secondary stage and the Theory of Evolution propounded by Charles Darwin is a part of School Science Curriculum.

However, during the COVID as well as post-covid periods, concerns related to curriculum load, based on the multi-stakeholders participation including the Parliamentary Standing Committee, were raised. In view of the multi-level inputs, from different stake holders like Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) as well as experts from colleges, universities and research institutions, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) undertook an exercise to rationalise textbooks across stages and subject areas in the larger interest of the students and teachers.
