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Syllabus revision in NCERT textbooks

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

- (a) the procedure followed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for revising and updating the syllabus and content of its textbooks;
- (b) the composition of committees or expert groups involved in such revisions during the last five years, along with their qualifications and affiliations;
- (c) whether consultations are held with teachers, subject experts, and other stakeholders before finalising such changes, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure transparency and academic rigor in the process of revising NCERT textbooks?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, inter alia, recommends to reduce the curriculum load on students. As a follow up to NEP 2020, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has developed National Curriculum Frameworks (NCFs). As per NCF-SE- 2023, the National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC) for development of School Syllabus, Textbooks and Teaching Learning Material and the National Curriculum Framework Oversight Committee has also been constituted. Under NSTC, 13 Curricular Area Groups (CAG) with scholars, subject experts, educationists, teachers, etc., for science, Mathematics, Indian Knowledge Systems, Social Science, etc. have also been constituted. Further, grade-wise Textbook Development Teams (TDTs) have been constituted for each subject under the concerned CAG to ensure that the perspective of NCF is translated into textbooks. The

weblinks for the details of the Committees constituted in the last five years for NCERT's textbooks are given below:

<https://ncf.ncert.gov.in/webadmin/assets/43e5e4d5-92c8-4090-982a-c26b7f6855e6>

<https://ncf.ncert.gov.in/webadmin/assets/c2e6d2f9-8d64-4d2a-9734-acb71b3c2151>

NCF - National Curriculum Framework

NCERT has a well- established mechanism for reprinting textbooks every year. The successive yearly editions are designed to keep pace with factual accuracy, evolving knowledge base and pedagogical practices either on its own or on the feedback received from various stakeholders.

After the development/revision of content, every textbook goes through a thorough process of review at various layers within the team, review team consisting of subject experts and at the stage of editing by Publication Division at NCERT.
