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MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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Curriculum on Internet Addiction and Cyber Ethics in Schools

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to some experts that growing addiction to smart phones and computers are creating social isolation among youngsters leading to depression and suicidal tendencies and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Women and Child Development has suggested that the school curriculum may include lessons on the harmful impact of internet addiction and cyber ethics;
- (c) if so, whether the Ministry of Human Resource Development convened a meeting with the officials of Ministry of Women and Child Development, State Education Ministers and a few other Union Ministers in this regard recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the meeting; and
- (e) the further steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

- (a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has not received any such report.
- (b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has suggested for inclusion of suitable content in the Course about cyber laws, internet ethics, cyber safety measures, what all to avoid online and why, as well as psychosocial impact of internet addiction.
- (c) No, madam.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has developed Information and Communication Technology (ICT) curriculum for teachers and students in school education. As part of this Curriculum, social and ethical issues related to use of internet have been dealt with. The focus of the curriculum is on safe and secure use of web space by students and teachers. NCERT has also prepared guidelines in the form of Do's and don'ts for its use in school education system. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also developed guidelines on Cyber safety and security and shared them with schools affiliated to it across the country.
