

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3696  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**Mobile Addictions in Students**

3696. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that large number of children are using Mobile and other gadgets for games and other purposes especially from nursery to IV standards;
- (b) if so, whether by using these gadgets their fingers' grip is loosing as they are unable to grip pencil or pen for longer time and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any study/survey on children below 10 years in regard to their grip to pencil or pen in schools; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Human Resource Development has no specific information regarding use of mobile and other gadgets by children. However, National Council for Educational Research & Training has developed Information and Communication Technology (ICT) curriculum for teachers and students in school education. As a part of this curriculum, social and ethical issues related to use of internet has been dealt with. The focus of the curriculum is on safe and secure use of web space by students and teachers. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) does not compile data regarding use of mobile phones in nursery to fourth standard. Moreover CBSE has banned the use of mobile phones in school premises vide circular no. 02/2009 dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

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