

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3081
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018

Curriculum on Environment

3081. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government intends to introduce study of Climate Change as part of the school syllabus or give any directions to the State Governments to do so in the State boards and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there are any courses being offered by any State Government or private educational institution on Climate Change and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is a dedicated research wing for Climate Change within the Ministry and if so, the amount allocated for such research wing?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

- (a) Environment education is already an integral part of school curriculum. The National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 infuses the components of environmental education as part of different disciplines in the treatment of content in Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, History, Political Science, Health and Physical Education, Art, Music, etc. As a follow up of NCF-2005, syllabi and textbooks for all stages of school education have been developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Topics on climate change have also been incorporated in the NCERT's Science Textbooks for classes VIII and IX and Biology textbook for Class-XII. Education, being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of schools are under the jurisdiction of the State/Union Territory Governments, it is for the respective State/Union Territory Governments to take appropriate action in this regard. So far as the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools are concerned, the climate change topics are integrated in school curriculum and schools also take up the issue of climate change through co-curricular activities.
- (b) No such information is collected and maintained at Central level.
- (c) No, Madam.
