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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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Sex Education in Schools

3201. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) the details of programmes which impart comprehensive sex education to adolescent boys and girls, aside from menstrual health and sanitation education both inside and outside formal schools; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

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

(a) & (b): In pursuance of the National Curriculum Framework, 2005, the Department of School & Literacy is implementing the Adolescence Education Programme(AEP) as part of the National Population Education Project(NPEP). AEP focuses on three major concerns:

1. Process of Growing up during adolescence,
2. HIV and AIDS
3. Substance (Drug) Abuse

The overarching objectives of AEP are two-fold:

- i. to integrate adolescence education elements in school curriculum, teacher education courses and adult literacy programmes;
- ii. to organise life skills based co-curricular activities in the secondary and higher secondary schools.

This educational intervention is aimed at the following learning outcomes:

- 1) to make the learners aware of the concerns of adolescence, i.e. process of growing up during adolescence, HIV/AIDS and Substance (Drug) Abuse;
- 2) to inculcate in them positive attitude regarding these concerns; and
- 3) to help them acquire life skills so that they avoid risky situations like HIV infection and take informed decisions and develop healthy and responsible behaviour.

Under this programme, various activities related to integration, training, evaluation and other curricular activities like Role Play and Folk Dance Competitions are organised on adolescent education and population education issues.
