

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 57
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019

Cyber Bullying

57. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the NCERT has issued guidelines on cyber bullying;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that these guidelines can provide framework for our own policies;
- (d) whether it is also true that if there is some kind of cyber bullying, parents of students should also be involved as they often don't know about the same; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has developed guidelines on Cyber Safety and Security for students, teachers and schools, which have been disseminated among the States/Union Territories on May 17, 2018 for their reference, use and further dissemination. Cyber Bullying is a component of Cyber Safety and Security.

(c) The Government has already framed the National Policy on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in School Education in 2012. Based on the Policy guidelines, the NCERT has developed the "Information and Communication Technology for School System: Curricula for ICT in Education" in 2013. The guidelines on cyber safety and security circulated by NCERT in May 2018 are in the form of Do's and Don'ts for its use in school education system.

(d) & (e) The guidelines on cyber safety and security have been placed on the NCERT's website for disseminating among all the stakeholders, including parents. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued guidelines to the schools affiliated to it on 18.08.2017 for safe and effective use of internet and digital technologies in schools and school buses, inter-alia, advising them to sensitize the parents about Internet safety norms. The Board has also issued guidelines on 09.03.2015 for prevention of bullying and ragging in schools with specific inputs on prevention of Cyber Bulling. The schools have been advised to engage parents also in the efforts against bullying on a continual basis.
