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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.194
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019

Reducing NCERT Syllabus

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

- (a) whether the Government is going to reduce the NCERT Syllabus in the schools affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to lessen the burden of the school bags of children by half; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b) The purpose of education is to bring out a good human being out of the system. For real development along with knowledge, Life Skill education, value education, physical education, experiential learning is essential. Creative skills need to be nurtured. It was demand from all stakeholders that because of heavy curriculum, there is no time left for all these aspects. Also rote learning is not the way forward. Therefore, School Syllabus must be rationalized. To achieve this, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was advised to undertake an exercise to review its syllabus with a view to reducing the curriculum load on the students. Accordingly, NCERT has undertaken review of its textbooks in the year 2018-19 and has already rationalized contents of its textbooks across the subjects. The revised textbooks are available for the year 2019-20.
