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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2415 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019

Medical Check up of Students

†2415.SHRI RAVI KISHAN: SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make the annual medical checkup of the students in accredited and Government schools keeping in mind the health of school children compulsory;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have issued/proposes to issue any guidelines for all the accredited and Government schools in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Government of India, under the National Health Mission launched the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), which envisages Child Health Screening and Early Intervention Services, a systematic approach of early identification and link to care, support and treatment.

RBSK is a programme developed to improve the overall quality of life of children and provide comprehensive care to all the children attending the Government and Governmentaided schools as well as pre-school age group across the country. This programme involves annual screening of children from birth to 18 years of age for four Ds- Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies and Development delays, spanning 30 common health conditions for early detection and free treatment and management, including surgeries at tertiary level. Children diagnosed with identified health conditions are provided early intervention services and follow-up care at the district level. Rule 9.2.24 and 14.6 of revamped Affiliation Bye-Laws-2018 of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), provides for medical check up in schools. Also, under rule 2.4.12 of revamped Affiliation Bye-Laws-2018, every Secondary and Senior Secondary school has to appoint a person on full time basis for performing the duties of Counselor & Wellness Teacher.

Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) and Central Tibetan Schools Administration provide facilities for regular medical check up of students. In the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) run under Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision for empanelment of a doctor to regularly visit the KGBVs for medical check-up of girls.

(c): Does not arise.
