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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3491 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th JULY, 2019

Moral Education

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

- (a) whether the level of moral education is constantly declining in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any step to promote moral education in academic courses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of schools are under the jurisdiction of the State Governments. It is for the respective State Governments to ensure that the moral education is taught effectively in their schools.

National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has developed National Curriculum Framework (NCF, 2005) which emphasises on inculcating moral values, attitudes and skills required for living in harmony with oneself and with others. Issues related to Moral values, wherever possible have been incorporated in the textbooks developed for school stage as well as in the entire school life – the curriculum, classroom climate, school management, teaching-learning, teacher-pupil relationships etc.

As per information received from University Grants Commission (UGC), moral education is embedded in the syllabi of all courses in the stream of Humanities and Social Sciences at university level. Further, some universities in the country are also running courses on spiritual and religious studies.
