

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5603  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**IMPART COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL EDUCATION**

**5603. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government runs various programmes/schemes to impart comprehensive education to adolescent boys and girls besides programmes/schemes on menstrual health and sanitation both inside and outside formal schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Yes Government of India is implementing Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) for adolescents both inside and outside formal schools as a joint effort of National AIDS Control Organization and Ministry of Human Resource & Development. The programme aims to empower adolescent learners to acquire knowledge of their needs and concerns related to the period of adolescence and develop life skills that enable them to practice informed and responsible behavior. At National level, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) and at State level, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), State Institute of Education (SIE) and Directorates of Education are the implementing agencies for AEP.

Besides this under Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) the outreach sessions are conducted by trained Counsellors in schools and community where discussions on sanitation, menstrual health, nutrition besides reproductive and sexual health, violence , mental health are carried out

Government is also implementing Scheme for Adolescent Girls to improve the nutritional and health status of out of school adolescent girls of age 11-14 years and to upgrade their skills through the network of Anganwadi Centres. Besides providing nutritional support to the adolescent girls, the scheme aims to motivate out of school girls to go back to formal schooling /skill training under its Non –Nutrition component. Information on health, hygiene and guidance on existing public services is provided under the scheme. Menstrual Hygiene Management is an integral part of life skill education under which adolescent girls are imparted knowledge on hygiene practices during menstruation.

(c): In view of reply to (a) and (b), does not arise.