

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1998**

ANSWERED ON 13/03/2023

Jaduai Pitara

1998. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a new play based learning material for children in the age group of three to eight years called Jaduai Pitara;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has been made mandatory in schools run by the Central Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps for changing education system for pre-primary and primary levels?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d): As envisaged under National Education Policy 2020, 'Jadui Pitara' -a play-based learning-teaching material tailored for children between the age group of 3-8 years has been launched on 20th February, 2023. 'Jadui Pitara' comprising of playbooks, toys, puzzles, posters, flash cards, story books, worksheets as well as reflecting the local culture, social context and languages is designed to pique curiosity and accommodate the diverse needs of learners in the foundational stage. 'Jadui Pitara' developed under the National Curriculum Framework is available in 13 Indian languages. It is a giant leap towards enriching the learning-teaching environment and making it more child-centric, lively and joyful for the Amrit Generation as envisioned in the NEP 2020. A brief on Jadui Pitara has also been uploaded at PIB on the given link: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1900797>

(e): The National Curriculum Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education (NCFECCE), called Foundational Stage is one of the four stages of National Curriculum Framework (NCFs). It is the first ever integrated Curriculum Framework for children between ages 3-8 in India. It is a direct outcome of the 5+3+3+4 'curricular and pedagogical' structure that NEP 2020 has come out with for School Education. The NCF for Foundational Stage (NCFFS) has been developed by NCERT through an extensive consultative process with States & UTs upto grass root level and various institutions and organisations. It was released by Hon'ble Education Minister on 20th Oct 2022 at New Delhi. Some transformative ideas for implementation of quality school education are included in the Framework, which are- toy-based pedagogy, play as the core of teaching-learning process, lifestyle for environment, learning about the external world. The framework has provided for stimulating experiences for the child's development in all dimensions – cognitive, social-emotional, physical, to enable the achievement of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy for all children.

Contents and Updates on Jadui Pitara and NCFECCE are available on the given link:
<https://ncf.ncert.gov.in/#/web/documents>
