GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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Introduction of Life Sketch of Maharaja Agrasen in CBSE Syllabus

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme to introduce the Life Sketch of Maharaja Agrasenji who dedicated his life for bravery, modesty and public welfare in CBSE syllabus;
- (b) if so, the time by which this is likely to be included in the CBSE Board and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the inclusion of the life sketch of Maharaja Agrasen in the syllabus will be a source of inspiration for the students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) and (b): Schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) follow the extant National Curriculum Framework and textbooks published by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- (c) and (d): Life and deeds of important personalities from history always works as a source of inspiration for the students. As far as history textbooks of NCERT are concerned, these cover different facets of India's history providing therein glimpses of lives, deeds and sacrifices of many important personalities, revolutionaries, freedom fighters and ordinary Indian men and women. The syllabus in history follows a thematic organisation of topics, being mindful of the need to promote activity-based teaching-learning practices in schools and reduce curriculum load on students and there are references to various important personalities in the NCERT textbooks.