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NCERT as a Deemed University/Schemes for Children Aged 3 to 8 years

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NCERT has been granted the status of deemed University on the lines of Indian Institute of Science, and also become research University which will offer opportunities for global collaborations and contributions to the global educational landscape;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the schemes tailored for children in the age group 3 to 8 years developed by the NCERT would benefit about 10 crore children entering in the play-based learning system in Anganwadis or pre-primary sections of schools;
- (d) whether the Government is providing study material to these children in their mother tongue and also adopt the same in schools for ease of learning; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) On the basis of the online application uploaded on the University Grants Commission (UGC) Deemed University portal for grant of deemed to be University Status under De-Novo category (now distinct category), the Ministry of Education issued a letter of Intent(LoI) on 31st August,2023 to NCERT, New Delhi.

(c) to (e) The National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage has been developed for the children in the age group of 3 to 8 years. NCERT has developed activity book, Trainers handbook and textbooks for class I and II as per this document. The Government is making available the material in Jaadui Pitara which includes activity book, teacher handbook, activity cards, stories etc. and the text books in 22 languages digitally, so that it is easier for children to study in their mother tongue. The implementation of the schemes falls in the purview of state governments.
