

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.40
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024

Inclusion of National Anthem in School Curriculum

†*40. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to include the Jan-Gan-Man National Anthem in the school curriculum and to make it compulsory for all the students to write the same in the 10th exam in national interest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any requests from the public representatives in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 40 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024 ASKED BY SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'INCLUSION OF NATIONAL ANTHEM IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM'.

(a) & (b) The National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE), 2023, and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 have given importance to the National Anthem and its presentation at the school assemblies. The NCFSE 2023, in its Chapter 2, School Processes, clearly mentions the significance of assemblies and the role of National Anthem. This document states that, the Assemblies held at school bring the whole community together and facilitate collective learning and appreciation that goes beyond the confines of the subject domains and hence, by singing National Anthem in school assemblies promotes rootedness in Indian culture and heritage, pride in being Indian and a feeling of patriotism.

The 6th standard textbook (Social and Political Life-I) developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in its Unit-I titled as Diversity, inter-alia, provides that the Songs and symbols that emerged during the freedom struggle serve as a constant reminder of our country's rich tradition of respect for diversity and India's National Anthem is one of the expressions of unity of India.

(c) to (e) No such request has been received from public representative in this regard.
