

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2391
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

Study of Eminent Personalities in Schools

†2391. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to include the ideals and teachings of great saints and eminent personalities like Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Shri Ramakrishna Paramhans and Vivekanand in the history curriculum of schools instead of teaching the stories of Kings; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) and (b): The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has informed that great saints and eminent personalities like Swami Dayananda Saraswati, Shri Ramkrishna Paramhans and Swami Vivekanand have already been mentioned in the History textbook for Class VIII developed by them. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed that the textbooks for Classes VI – VIII also highlight the ideas of eminent national personalities and freedom fighters such as Shri Jyotiba Phule, Shri Kandukuri Veeresalingam, Shri Narayana Guru, Shri Periyar, Mahatama Gandhi and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.
