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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1150  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

**NCERT Guidelines for Bagless Days in Schools**

1150 DR. BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the NCERT guidelines for bagless days in schools to promote joyful and experiential learning, if so, the details of the proposed refinements and the activities included in the guidelines; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to align these guidelines with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommendations, specifically the 10-day bagless period for students of classes 6 to 8?

**ANSWER**

**HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) & (b): NEP 2020 recommends that all students will participate in a 10-day bagless period during Grades 6-8 where they will intern with local experts such as carpenters, gardeners, potters, artists, etc.

In pursuance of the above recommendation, the Government in consultation with concerned stakeholders has developed guidelines for 10 bagless days. These guidelines aim at providing children of classes 6-8 an exposure to skill education using experiential learning pedagogy and to make learning at schools joyful and stress free. Under these guidelines, 'Bagless Days' are encouraged throughout the year for various types of activities involving arts, quizzes, sports, and skills; periodic exposure to activities outside school through visits to places/monuments of historical, cultural and tourist importance; meeting local artists and craftsmen and visits to other institutions / educational institutions in their village/Tehsil/District/State as decided by States and local communities and as mapped by local skilling needs.

These guidelines are dynamic and are subject to periodic review based on feedback from concerned stakeholders and other developments.

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