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

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Recommendations of Textbook Review Committee

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to increase the participation of Ministry of Education as per the recommendations of the Text Book Review Committee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the State specific cultural courses have been started by the Text Book Review Committee with the participation of Ministry of Education?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) As a follow up of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 and National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE), 2023, the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has constituted National Syllabus and Teaching-Learning Material Committee (NSTC) to guide the whole process of development of new textbooks for Grades 3-12 across subject areas. Under the NSTC, 13 Curricular Area Groups (CAGs) were constituted to develop and review the new textbooks. Under each CAG, a separate Textbook Development Team (TDT) for each of the concerned textbooks has been constituted. The NSTC has been the guiding the whole process of development and review of the textbooks. The National Curriculum Framework Oversight Committee has also been constituted to ensure the translation of perspective of NCF-SE into the textbooks. Further, NEP, 2020, inter-alia provides that "States will prepare their own curricula (which may be based on the NCFSE prepared by NCERT to the extent possible) and prepare textbooks (which may be based on the NCERT textbook materials to the extent possible), incorporating State flavour and material as needed. While doing so, it must be borne in mind that NCERT curriculum would be taken as the nationally acceptable criterion."
