GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2320 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2016

Vedic Education

2320. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes separate classes for Vedic Mathematics and calculation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is of the view that Vedic Maths and calculation are relevant today also and if so, the benefit thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to earmark some fund for promoting Vedic Calculations and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether some countries like China and Japan and other are also following the practice of Vedic Calculations and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up Vedic Education Board on the lines of CBSE and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b) : Vedic Maths is useful in faster calculations. However, it requires students to remember a large number of *Sutras*.
- (c): No, Madam. However, under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), an amount of Rs.3.50 lakh was approved to the State of Punjab in 2015-16 for organizing a workshop for content development and preparing two modules for Vedic Maths for a total of 48371 students of Classes IX and X. During 2016-17, a project has been approved for the State of Telangana for teaching Vedic Maths for Classes IX and X in 10 secondary schools on pilot basis with a total outlay of Rs.20,000/-.
- (d): This Ministry does not maintain such information.
- (e): No, Madam.