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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3072 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

Steps to include Fundamental Duties in school curriculum

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Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to include Fundamental Duties, as enshrined in the Constitution, as part of the education curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the judiciary has made any suggestions in this regard, and

(d) if so, the measures taken to promote awareness of Fundamental Duties of citizens among the public?

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

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has (a) to (d): informed that Fundamental Duties have already been mentioned in their Political Science textbooks. Some of these textbooks have mentioned 'Fundamental Duties' in their inside cover pages. Further, the Class XI textbook, namely, Indian Constitution at Work and the Class VII textbook, namely, Social and Political Life-II have made a reference to Fundamental Duties in their preliminary pages. NCERT has continuously been promoting awareness of fundamental duties among teachers, teacher educators in training programmes so that they in-turn spread this awareness among students. Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Justice has informed that as a part of the celebration of the Samvidhan Divas or Constitution Day, a one year awareness drive was launched on 26th November, 2019, focusing on Citizens Duties with special emphasis on Fundamental Duties as enshrined in the Constitution. A Citizens Duties Awareness Programme (CDAP) was undertaken which touched the lives of over 48 crore citizens both within India and abroad. They also created a large pool of Promotional tools such as Brochure, Flyers, Posters, Standees, Quiz Banks, Preamble-walls for instilling the sense of responsibility towards Constitution and Fundamental Duties among the citizens. Over 86 Ministries/ Departments have undertaken year-long activities under CDAP; 31 lakh elected representatives of Gram Panchayats undertook promotional activities, and 14,500 Special Gram Sabhas have been held to promote the Indian Constitution & Fundamental Duties.
