

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2029
ANSWERED ON 19/12/2022**

Inclusion of book 'Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta' in Curriculum of Educational Institutes

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any step has been taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to include the Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta in the curriculum of all the schools, colleges and technological/medical institutes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any requests from the public representatives in this regard during August, 2020;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the actions taken or being taken thereon by the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (e) NCERT has initiated the process of development of National Curriculum Frameworks where in inputs are invited from various stakeholders including various Ministries/Departments, States and UTs drawing from grass root levels. The details on the developments on NCF may be found at the link given: <https://ncf.ncert.gov.in/#/web/home>

Para 4.27 of National Education Policy (NEP) 2022 refers to the traditional knowledge of India that is both sustainable and strives for the welfare of all. In order to become the Knowledge power in this century, it is imperative that we understand our heritage and teach the world the 'Indian way' of doing things. Ministry of Education has established Indian Knowledge System (IKS) Division in AICTE in 2020 with a vision to promote interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research on all aspects of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), preserve and disseminate IKS knowledge for further research and societal applications.

The present textbooks of NCERT, includes reference of Shrimad Bhagawat Geeta in Class VI and VII textbooks and its shlokas in Sanskrit textbooks of classes XI and XII.
