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**Subject: Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 183 for 02.12.2019 regarding "Uniform Syllabus" raised by Shri Patel Hasmukhbhai Somabhai.**

Sir,

With reference to above mentioned Parliament Question, please find enclosed reply along with executive summary in respect of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for information and necessary action, please.

Yours faithfully,

(S.K. Sinha)

Joint Director (Admn.)

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S. No.	Question	Answer
(a)	The details of different kinds of Government authorized education syllabus and education boards in the country at present;	<p>Education is in the concurrent list so Central as well as the State Governments exercise their authority in establishing school boards. The Central Government has two Autonomous Boards for School Education namely, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) which both function directly under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India. The CBSE caters to the formal schooling system and the NIOS caters to the learners through the non formal mode.</p> <p>The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), the largest Open Schooling in the World is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India with a cumulative enrolment of 4.3 million (approx.) learners. It has been steadily marching ahead towards quality education to all through Open and Distance Learning. In its 29 years of existence, the NIOS has enabled millions of learners to complete their schooling with a particular focus on education of learners with disabilities, women, army personnel, handloom weavers, handicraft artisans, ITI students and others.</p> <p>NIOS provides school education through open and distance learning mode with the effective integration of information and communication technology. It provides educational opportunities to people who could not pursue their education because of multiple reasons but wish to study and upgrade their knowledge and skills. The mission of NIOS is to provide relevant, continuing and holistic education up to pre- degree level through Open and Distance Learning system, contributing to the Universalisation of School Education and catering to the educational needs of the prioritized target groups for equity and social justice.</p> <p>All School boards are expected to follow the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) designed and developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) through nationwide discussion / debate which normally is expected as the guiding principle for deciding on learning outcomes of various grades of learners. The NIOS also follows the guiding principle decided by the NCF. However, as a board for providing non formal education, the NIOS can exercise its authority to offer courses both academic and vocational which provide flexible learning opportunity to learners across the country.</p>
(b)	Whether the Government has any plan to make a Uniform Syllabus for School Education in the Country; and	Even though, this question can be best answered by the MHRD. However, the National Curriculum Framework provides the uniformity for all Boards and school level institutions to provide uniform education with the authority to adapt/adopt local content for the schools in the State, Union Territories etc.
(c)	If so, the details thereof?	The NCERT from time to time comes up with model curriculum which becomes guidelines for all Boards to develop their own curriculum and text books.

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