

Need Assessment Questionnaire

Development of In-service Teacher Professional Development (ITPD) Package in Social Sciences for Secondary Stage

The Department of Education in Social Sciences (DESS), NCERT would like to develop an In-service Teacher Professional Development (ITPD) Package in Social Sciences for Secondary Stage. In this regard, it is important for us to assess the needs of the practising schoolteachers to develop relevant modules for Classes IX-X in Social Sciences (Economics, Geography, History and Political Science). You are requested to send back the filled-in questionnaire by e-mail (sarojy024@gmail.com) or by post to the Head, DESS, NCERT, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110 016, before 15 April 2013 (Monday). You may respond either in English or Hindi and use additional sheets, if necessary. Your response will be highly appreciated and your contribution will be duly acknowledged.

1. Name and address of the School: _____

2. Name of the Teacher: _____

3. Highest degree obtained: _____

4. Discipline specialization (Tick): Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, _____

5. Which disciplines of Social Sciences do you teach? _____

6. Which Classes do you teach to? (Tick) IX X Both Any other _____

7. In which medium do you teach? (Tick) English Hindi Any other _____

8. What kind of difficulties do you face while teaching students from disadvantaged sections (SCs, STs and others), students with special needs, etc.?

9. What kind of difficulties do you face while using Information & Communication Technology (ICT) facilities (audio/video CDs, internet etc.) to teach Social Sciences?

10. Do you consider taking students for outdoor activities (excursion, study visit) useful to teach Social Sciences?

11. In general, what additional materials do you need to teach Social Sciences effectively?

12. Please mention those concepts/topics that are difficult to deal with. For your help, a few examples have been suggested here. If you are not using NCERT textbooks, please provide these details with reference to the syllabus/textbooks that you are using.

Discipline	Class	Chapter	Concept/topic	Nature of difficulty
Economics	IX X	1 The Story of Village Palampur 4 Globalisation	Factors of production Impact of globalisation	Deriving concepts from the story Inadequate content
Geography	IX	4 Climate	Monsoon	Difficult terms and inadequate illustrations
History	IX-X	All chapters	Sources – textual and visual	How to analyse a source
Political Science	X	3 Democracy and Diversity 8 Challenges to Democracy	Overlapping and cross-cutting differences (Page 33) Different Contexts (Page 103)	Difficult terms and inadequate content Difficult cartoons