

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022

External Expert Consultants for NCERT Textbooks

156. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of external expert consultations held as part of the recent NCERT textbook rationalisation exercise, including the qualifications of experts and number of such consultations;
- (b) the reasons for consulting external experts instead of social scientists associated with the NCERT;
- (c) whether the changes as part of the rationalisation exercise are temporary or permanent, given that the objective of the exercise is to ease learning in a post-COVID world and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether a standard criteria was applied to determine the portions to be retained and deleted from NCERT textbooks; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a): The details of the external experts engaged by various subject departments of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) as part of the rationalisation exercise along with the number of consultations held are at Annexure-I. NCERT also held a consultation meeting with the teachers nominated by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to discuss the rationalisation exercise done across the subject areas. The details of the teachers who attended this meeting are at Annexure-II.

(b): Aside from NCERT in-house experts, NCERT has informed that they seek expertise of subject experts from Universities/Organisations and practicing teachers in all its activities related to Research, Development, Training and Extension for wider consultation.

(c): During the COVID-19 pandemic situation, students across the stages of school education have struggled a lot to continue their learning through online and other modes. Also, concerns related to curriculum load including the content load spread over syllabi and textbooks have been raised from different corners. Further, National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 states that ‘the reduction in content and increased flexibility of school curriculum and the renewed emphasis on constructive rather than rote learning must be accompanied by parallel changes in school textbooks’. With a view to facilitate speedy recovery in students learning continuum and compensating time loss, NCERT took a step towards the rationalisation of textbooks across the stages and subject areas.

(d) and (e): NCERT has informed that the following criteria were developed for the rationalisation of content load:

- a. Overlapping with similar content included in other subject area in the same class;
- b. Similar content included in the lower or higher class in same subject ;
- c. Difficulty level;
- d. Content, which is easily accessible to children and does not require much intervention from the teachers and can be learned through self-learning or peer learning;
- e. Content, which is not relevant in the present context or outdated;
- f. Taking care of the Learning Outcomes already developed across the classes.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 156 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022 ASKED BY SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P. P., HON'BLE M. P. REGARDING 'EXTERNAL EXPERT CONSULTANTS FOR NCERT TEXTBOOKS'.

1. History

Sr.No.	Name of the external expert	Qualification/Designation	No. of consultations
1.	Prof. Umesh Kadam	Professor of History, CHS JNU	01
2.	Dr. Archana Verma	Associate Professor, History, Hindu College, DU	
3.	Mrs. Shruti Mishra	PGT History, HOD History, DPS R.K. Puram Sec 12, New Delhi	
4.	Mr. Krishna Ranjan	PGT, History, KVs, Vikas Puri, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi	
5.	Mr. Sunil Kumar	PGT, History, KVS Badarpur road, AFS, Tughlakabad, New Delhi	

2. Economics

Sr.No.	Name of the external expert	Qualification /Designation	No. of consultations
1.	Dr. Sabita Patnaik	PGT Economics, DMS, RIE, Bhubaneswar	01
2.	Dr. Anita Raveendran	PGT Economics, DMS, RIE, Mysore	

3. Political Science

Sr.No.	Name of the external expert	Qualification /Designation	No. of consultations
1.	Dr. Vanthangpui Khobung	Assistant Professor, Political Science, RIE, Bhopal	02
2.	Mrs. Kavita Jain	PGT, Political Science, Ashok Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi – 110 052	
3.	Dr. Maneesha Pandey	Department of Political Science, Hindu College, Delhi University	
4.	Ms. Sunita Kathuria	PGT, Political Science, MCL Saraswati Bal Mandir, L-Block, Hari Nagar, New Delhi	

4. Geography

Sr.No.	Name of the external expert	Qualification /Designation	No. of consultations
1.	Mr. Kulprit Singh	PGT, Geography, Navyug School, Vinay Marg, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi.	01
2.	Mr. Pushpendra Singh	PGT, Geography, Prudence School, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi	

5. Commerce & Business Studies

Sr.No.	Name of the external expert	Qualification /Designation	No. of consultations
1.	Mrs. Savita Shangari,	PGT (Retd.) Saket, New Delhi	01
2.	Dr. Seema Srivastava	Asstt. Professor, DIET, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.	
3.	Mr. Sandeep Sethi	PGT, SV Public School, Jaipur.	
4.	Dr. Gurmeet Singh Grewal	CA and Pracademic, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi	
5.	Mr. Sunder Singh Sehwat	DC (Retd.), KVS	

6. Sociology

Sr.No.	Name of the external expert	Qualification /Designation	No. of consultations
1.	Prof. Manju Bhatt	Former Professor of Sociology, DESS, NCERT	03
2.	Dr. Achala Pritam Tondon	Associate Prof. in Sociology Associate Professor, Sociology, Hindu College, Delhi University, New Delhi.	
3.	Ms. Seema Banarjee	PGT Sociology, Laxman Public School, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi	
4.	Ms. Abha Seth	PGT Sociology, DAV Public School, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi	

7. Psychology

Sr.No.	Name of the external expert	Qualification /Designation	No. of consultations
1.	Ms. Neelam Srivastava, PGT (Psychology), Vasant Vally School, New Delhi	M. A. (Psychology), B.Ed., PG Diploma in Counselling	01
2.	Ms. Gurjeet Kaur, PGT (Psychology), DAV Public School, Vasant Kunj New Delhi	M. A. (Psychology), M. Ed.	
3.	Dr. Shalini Prasad, PGT (Psychology), DPS, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi	M.A.(Psychology), Ph. D. (Psychology), PG Diploma in Guidance and Counselling, B. Ed. (Pursuing)	

ANNEXURE-II

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S.No.	Subject	Name	Address
1.	Maths	Mr. Rahul Sofat	Air Force Golden Jubilee School, Subrato Park
2.		Ms. Gurpreet Bhatnagar	HoD Maths, Delhi World Public School, Noida Extn.
3.	Science/ PCB	Ms. Monica Arora	Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini
4.		Ms. Mridula Arora	Navyug School, Pandara Road
5.		Ms. Monika Sindhwarni	Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini
6.	History	Ms. Vinita Rikhi	HOD Social Science & History, ASN S.S. School, Mayur Vihar
7.	Political Science		HOD Social Science & History, ASN S.S. School, Mayur Vihar
8.	Hindi	Mr. Sanjay Kumar Malik	PGT Hindi, KV Sec – 8, Rohini
9.		Dr. Shubh Narayan Singh	PGT Hindi, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Kendriya Vidyalaya
10.	English	Ms. Sunila Athley	Amity International School, Vasundhra
11.		Ms. Rachna Rai	Amity International, Vasundhra
12.	Economics	Ms. Sandhya Arora	PGT, Manav Rachna International School, Gurgaon
13.	Business Studies	Ms. Neha Malhotra	PGT, NC Jindal Public School, Delhi
14.	Accountancy	Mr. Ashish Sawhney	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Dugri Phase III, Ludhiana
15.	Geography	Mr. Pushpendra Singh	PGT Geography, Presidium School, Ashok Vihar
16.	Psychology	Ms. Cimeran Kher	PGT, Psychology, Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi
