

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.133
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022

Updating School Textbooks

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to update the school textbooks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any deadline by which the textbooks with new content will be in the market;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for not doing this in a time-bound manner?

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

(a) to (e): The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), as a regular activity, update their textbooks before these are reprinted every year by incorporating new priorities and initiatives occurred at the National level. Syllabus and textbooks in all subjects are prepared on the basis of extant education policy and National Curriculum Framework. In the light of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, which provides 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, NCERT has recently rationalized the textbooks across the stages and subject areas for the academic year 2023-24 onwards.
