

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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PUBLISHING GOOD BOOKS BY NATIONAL BOOK TRUST  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Book Trust of India has any schemes to make available good books for school and college students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the schools and colleges are in touch with the National Book Trust for special books, etc; and
- (d) if so, the kind of Devices National Book Trust extends to schools and colleges in the matter?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a)&(b):The National Book Trust (NBT) has a scheme to make good books available to schools under the Readers' Club programme for schools that enroll themselves with the National Centre for Children's Literature (NCCL) under the NBT. Establishing such clubs entails no expenditure. The schools are asked to fill up forms and send these to NCCL. The books are mailed to the schools free of cost. The organizations that run the Readers' Club for a year and send report of activities are entitled to 50% discount on NBT publications.

(c)&(d): The schools and colleges do get in touch with the NBT for procuring books of their choice and at times for organizing a book exhibition on special occasions. The NBT sends information material such as Readers' Club Bulletin and special posters relating to children Books for creating awareness among the school students. The NBT also, at the invitation of some schools organizes book related activities and involves school children in creative writing and painting competitions.