

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

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PRICES OF N.C.E.R.T. BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NCERT books have become unaffordably costly for the common students;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the efforts being made by the Government to provide text books to the common students at affordable prices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. In spite of high quality and multi- coloured printing, prices of NCERT text books are reasonable. In fact, a comparison of prices of NCERT text books with those published by private publishers shows that the prices of NCERT books are much lower than those of private publishers.