

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:301  
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FREE TEXT BOOKS FOR FEMALE STUDENTS  
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

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

- (a) whether the Government have decided to provide text books free of cost to all the female students upto the primary level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether girls studying in the Government aided schools or in recognized schools have also been included under the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the detail thereof; end
- (e) the criteria laid down in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (e) : Though there is no separate Central scheme in operation for supply of free textbooks to female students upto the Primary level, free textbooks to female students upto the Primary level is provided in a large number of states under ongoing schemes.