

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2196  
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2006  
PRIVATISATION OF GOVERNMENT PRESSES  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has approved a proposal for the privatization of Government-owned textbook presses in Mysore, Chandigarh and Bhubaneswar;
- (b) if so, whether a Group of Ministers recommended that the privatization should include reasonable operational land area, excess land of these Presses should be developed, if necessary in collaboration with the respective State Governments;
- (c) if so, whether the Government also approved proposals for modernization of Government Press in Shimla and its conversion to a production-cum-training centre;
- (d) if so, the decisions taken in this regard; and
- (e) the estimated cost of these projects and the extent to which State Governments have been instructed accordingly?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI AJAY MAKEN )

- (a)&(b): The Government on 1.02.2006 has decided to privatize Government of India Text Book Presses at Mysore, Chandigarh and Bhubaneswar along with reasonable operational land area with the condition that the employees will continue to be in service till completion of their balance service period. Excess land of these presses may be developed, if necessary, in collaboration with the State Governments.
- (c)&(d): The Government has approved the retention and modernization of Government of India Press, Shimla by converting into a production-cum-training centre at an estimated cost of Rs.2.19 crore.
- (e): Surplus land in these States will be developed in collaboration with State Governments.