

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3936
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NCERT TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the basic objectives of production of books by NCERT;
- (b) the number of titles in Humanities and Social Sciences published during 2000 to 2003;
- (c) whether there has been public criticism against the frequent change of NCERT/CBSE school syllabus;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): The NCERT text books are published in English, Hindi and Urdu Languages for qualitative improvement in School Education at affordable prices across the country. The number of titles in humanities and social sciences published during 2000 to 2003 is 231.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. There have been newspaper reports about frequent changes of NCERT syllabus which, however, is without any basis. The school curriculum and syllabus are reviewed every five years. The current curriculum was prepared in the year 2000. Hence, the process of review and renewal of current curriculum has been initiated.