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GRADED SELF READING PROJECT

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce graded self-reading project in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has selected some cities for its pilot project to introduce graded self-reading series for children and establishing reading rooms;
- (d) if so, the details of the cities identified for the project; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to introduce this project in other cities and in rural areas?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) The graded self-reading project is a part of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) being implemented by National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT). Its purpose is to emphasize the importance of reading pedagogy in early classes. NCERT is currently working on several aspects of improving the pedagogy of early-reading, namely, teachers' understanding of reading as a process, provision of children's literature, development of a graded reading series and development of reading room/corner in every school for primary classes.

(c) to (e) NCERT is implementing the pilot project of graded self-reading only in 500 primary schools of Mathura districts of Uttar Pradesh and not in any other city. States are being encouraged to start their own Reading Development Cells to introduce their graded reading series and to develop reading rooms in their schools.