

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1092
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NATIONAL BOOK TRUST
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Book Trust (NBT) plans to publish more books in regional languages for children during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the financial and other assistance provided by the Government to NBT during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) Yes Sir. National Book Trust, India is planning to publish more books in regional languages for children during the current year:
- (b) Approximately 50-55 titles in different languages (i.e. Asamiya, Bangla, Gujrati, Hindi, Kannad, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Telugu, Urdu and also in English) will be published in the current year; and
- (c) Year-wise details of Financial and other assistance provided by the Government to the NBT during the last three years and the current year for the purpose of publishing books for children are as under:

2006-07 Rs, 375,00 lakhs

2007-08 Rs. 400.00 lakhs

2008-09 Rs. 445.00 lakhs

2009-10 Rs. 534.00 lakhs.