

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SHORTAGE OF BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage and nonavailability of NCERT books in the market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by NCERT in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): According to National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), there is no shortage of NCERT textbooks in the market. NCERT has anticipated a total requirement of 3.69 crore copies of textbooks for the academic session 2010-11 for the students of schools affiliated to Central Boards of Secondary Education. It has taken following steps for timely availability of textbooks in the market:

- (i) NCERT has empanelled more than 340 wholesale agents throughout the country, out of which 70 are located in National Capital Region of Delhi itself.
- (ii) The printing of textbooks has been outsourced to private printers empanelled by NCERT.
- (iii) NCERT has hired godowns space from the Central Warehousing Corporation at Delhi, Noida, Shahibabad, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Banglore and Guwahati.