

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3909
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NATIONAL TEXTBOOK COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the process for establishment of a National Textbook Council (NTC);
- (b) if so, the main aims and objectives of the Council;
- (c) whether the proposal in this regard has been circulated to the State Governments for their approval and consensus;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government has received the opinion of the States on the issue;
- (e) if so, the response received from each State; and
- (f) the time by which a decision is likely to be arrived on the issue?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) A Committee of Central Advisory Board of Education on "Regulatory Mechanism for Textbooks and Parallel Textbooks taught in schools outside Government system" has recommended establishment of "National Textbook Council" to monitor textbooks used in schools in the country so that standard of education could be maintained and the student community should not be exposed to inferior quality of textbooks or undesirable content.

(c) to (f) The proposal was circulated among the State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations seeking their opinion. Replies have been received from the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal, and Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Island, Daman and Diu, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. Other States and UTs have been reminded to furnish their views.