

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:39
ANSWERED ON:10.11.2010
AVAILABILITY OF TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand and supply of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) text books for different classes in various States and UTs for the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether NCERT is unable to meet the demand of the State/UTs for supply of text books;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to ensure that the text books are made available to the students well before onset of an academic session?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.39 ASKED BY SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF TEXT BOOKS, DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10.11.2010.

- (a) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) prints adequate number of textbooks so as to cater to the requirement of the students of schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), as these schools generally follow the curriculum and syllabi prepared by NCERT, and use NCERT textbooks. During the years 2008- 09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, NCERT printed 46920948, 34496501 and 30320508 copies of textbooks respectively. In case of schools affiliated to State Boards, the syllabi and textbooks are prescribed by the respective Boards or State Councils of Educational Research and Training(SCERTs).
- (b) NCERT has been able to meet the demands of the students of the schools affiliated to CBSE.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) NCERT is committed to providing textbooks to the students of CBSE affiliated schools in time. It monitors printer-wise, title-wise production of textbooks and the release of stock through a network of more than 340 wholesale agents and 4 Regional Centres of NCERT spread over the country.