

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

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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 States/UTs for supply of text books;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; 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 THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is mandated to print textbooks for the schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). In addition, NCERT has granted copyright permission to ten States namely Assam, Bihar, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Delhi to print their requirement of textbooks upto the year 2011-12. State Governments do not place any demand for supply of textbook to NCERT.

For the academic years 2009-10 and 2010-11 NCERT printed 34496501 and 30320508 copies respectively and for the academic year 2011-12 estimated requirement is 31475000 copies of textbooks for Classes I to XII.

(d) NCERT supplies textbooks to students through a network of more than 340 wholesale agents in the country. The printed copies of the textbooks are supplied to four Regional Production-cum-Distribution Centres (RPDCs) located at Ahmedabad, Bangluru, Kolkata and Guwahati in bulk quantities based on their periodical requirement to cater to their respective regions. All RPDCs keep sufficient stock of all titles. The requirements of northern region are met by NCERT, Headquarters, New Delhi. In addition, all the NCERT textbooks are available on NCERT's website www.ncert.nic.in.