

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

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HIKE IN PRICES OF BOOKS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that while on one hand, the Government is making structural changes in education and on the other hand, private publishers are hiking the prices of children's books exorbitantly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to check the prices of stationery and books; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d). The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) recommends NCERT/CBSE textbooks only. The printing of textbooks/learning materials by CBSE is done at NCERT approved rates as per requirement of students. The Government exercises no control over prices of stationery and books published by private publishers and no policy regarding prices of books and stationery has been formulated.