

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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NATIONAL BOOK TRUST
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of books published by the National Book Trust (NBT) originally in Hindi and English, the percentage of books published in each language and the subjects on which these books were published during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the NBT gives due importance to Hindi in publication of its books and if not, the reasons therefore;
- (c) the steps being taken by the NBT to maintain the dignity of the official language Hindi at the national level; and
- (d) the concrete steps being taken for translation of other languages in Hindi so as to ensure that the official language is not neglected?

Answer

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

(a): A Statement is Annexed.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. The National Book Trust (NBT), India has given emphasis on publication of Hindi books which are sold / distributed all over India. Also, all major Hindi authors and institutions of the country are closely associated with the publishing and book promotion activities of the Trust and it takes extra care to organize regular book fairs in major Hindi-speaking centres like Patna, Lucknow, Ranchi, Indore, Jhansi etc. The Trust also organizes regular mobile exhibitions in the interiors of the Hindi speaking areas to promote Hindi books and authors. In recent years, the Trust has organized Mobile Book Exhibitions which are called Pustak Parikramas in various districts of the Hindi-speaking/knowning states like Rajasthan, Jammu, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Delhi-NCR etc. on more than one occasion.

(d) : The Trust has some well-defined publishing series under which books from other Indian languages to Hindi and vice-versa are published in an institutionalized manner since the inception of the Trust in 1957.