

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

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SELF READING SERIES FOR CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training and selected some cities for its pilot project to introduce graded self-reading series for children and establishing reading room;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the cities where the aforesaid pilot project has been introduced so far; and
- (d) the time by which the graded self-reading series will be introduced in other cities?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Reading Development Cell of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is implementing a pilot project in 561 schools of 5 blocks of Mathura District in Uttar Pradesh. The pilot project includes, inter-alia, development of Reading Corners/Rooms, provision of graded reading series/barkha for classes I & II. The NCERT's Reading Development Cell is mobilizing the States to start their own Reading Development Cells and develop their graded reading series in their regional languages; training their teachers on progressive pedagogy of early-reading, developing reading rooms/corners in the primary schools and generate knowledge in this field. Many states have initiated early reading programmes through provisions of learning enhancement under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.