

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:16

ANSWERED ON:08.08.2012

REVIEW OF NCERT BOOKS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up any committee to review the text books of NCERT from the point of view of identifying educationally inappropriate material;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the terms and reference of the said committee;
- (d) whether the Government has received the report of the said Committee constituted regarding the publication/removal of certain cartoons in NCERT books;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 16 FOR 08.08.2012 ASKED BY SHRI PRADEEP MAJHI AND SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR REGARDING REVIEW OF NCERT BOOKS.

(a) to (c) The National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) had constituted a six member Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Thorat, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) with the following terms of reference:

1. To review the NCERT's social science /political science textbooks for Classes IX to XII from the point of view of identifying educationally inappropriate materials in them.
2. Providing suggestions for alternatives to be placed in the textbooks so that the material can be immediately made available to the learners concerned.

(d) & (e) The Thorat Committee has submitted its report to the NCERT. It has recommended some changes in four text books namely, "Democratic Politics I - Class IX", "Democratic Politics II - Class X", "Indian Constitution at work-Class XI" and "Politics in India since Independence - Class XII". In addition, the Committee has made some general recommendations to be considered at the time of general review of books.

(f) NCERT enjoys full academic autonomy in the matter of developing, printing and distribution of text books. The recommendations of the Thorat Committee are being examined by NCERT through specified institutional processes and a final decision is expected to be taken shortly.