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

- (a) whether the State of Arunachal Pradesh has been omitted from the map of India in the textbook used by more than 15 lakh students affiliated to the Maharashtra State Board;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the erroneous map shows Arunachal Pradesh as not only missing from the country's territorial domain but also as part of Chinese territory; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (d) Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India. It is for the State School Education Boards to finalise their own Curricula and Syllabi.

In a textbook prepared by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education for the year 2013-14, a map of India has been printed omitting Arunachal Pradesh. The Secretary, Maharashtra State Board, Pune informed this Ministry that the textbook of Geography for class X prepared by the State Board for the year 2013-14 contains a total of nine maps of India. While eight maps are correctly printed, one map that gave details of India and its neighbouring countries inadvertently omitted the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

As soon as the error was reported, the Board immediately verified the details and took corrective action. The Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education has deeply regretted the error that occurred in the geography textbook of class X and has expressed profound apologies to the people of the country.