

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:211
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2015
CONVERSION OF TEXT BOOKS INTO DIGITAL TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to convert school text books into digital text books/e-books;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the curriculum and the books identified for the purpose;
- (c) the estimated funds required for conversion of text books into digital text books/e-books; and
- (d) the manner in which digital text books/e-books will benefit the students?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 211 FOR ANSWER ON 11.03.2015 REGARDING CONVERSION OF TEXT BOOKS INTO DIGITAL TEXT BOOKS ASKED BY SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

(a) to (d) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has digitalised all its text books and has made it available on ncert.nic.in. NCERT has also converted its text books of Classes 9 to 12 on all subjects including Languages, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences into eBooks. Funds for this purpose are being utilised within the grants available with the NCERT. E-books provide students and teachers free and unhindered access to the textbooks with the available electronic devices and software formats.