

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up book clubs in all the districts of the country particularly in Rajasthan in order to inculcate reading habits among the students and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to open book centres for making available books of all Indian languages including Hindi at every railway station and airport; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a): In order to inculcate reading habits among the students, National Book Trust (NBT), India, an autonomous organization comes under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, has setup Book Clubs in the form of Reader's clubs in various private and Government schools across the country. Till now, 35769 Readers' Clubs have been established in 32 states/ UTs which includes 1451 in the state of Rajasthan.
- (b) & (c): To make NBT publication widely available to the general public in English, Hindi and other Indian languages, bookshops have already been opened at two Metro Stations in Delhi.