

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya as well as private schools follow CBSE syllabus and their quality is same but there is huge difference in the prices of books of the syllabus;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether private schools mostly include books of private publishers in place of NCERT forgetting heavy commission thereby putting children and their guardians under additional pressure and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government against such schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITIZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b) All the schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) follow syllabus prescribed by the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) up to Middle Class level (Class VIII) and the syllabus prescribed by the CBSE from Classes IX to XII. The CBSE has no mechanism to compare the prices of textbooks prescribed by various schools affiliated to it.
- (c) & (d) The syllabus prescribed by the CBSE recommends the textbooks published by the NCERT for Classes DC-XII. As per the Affiliation Bye-Laws of the CBSE, flexibility has been given to schools for using either NCERT textbooks or any other textbook for Classes I-VIII, in view of the recommendation of National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 about the plurality of textbooks. Complaints in this regard, when received are dealt with in accordance with rules.