

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2845  
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HIKE IN PRICES OF BOOKS  
Dhurve Smt. Jyoti;Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that while on one hand, the Government is making structural changes in education and on the other hand, private publishers are hiking the prices of children's books exorbitantly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to check the prices of stationery and books; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI JUBIN IRANI)

- (a)&(b) : Increase in the cost of paper, printing, manpower and overhead expenses of publishers result in hike in prices of books.
- (c)&(d) : No sir. However, National Book Trust (NBT) and National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) publish books at reasonable price.