

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

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READING HABIT

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government / National Book Trust for spreading reading habits among the people of the country;
- (b) whether the National Book Trust has requested or the Government proposes to give additional funds to organise workshops and symposiums in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) : To promote reading habit among the people of the country, the following steps have been taken by National Book Trust (NBT):

- (i) Organisation of book fairs and book exhibitions across the country
- (ii) Participation in Book Fairs organized by various Publishers Associations
- (iii) Organisation of annual New Delhi World Book Fair
- (iv) Publications of reasonably priced quality books for general readers and children
- (v) The Scheme of Financial Assistance to Voluntary Organisations and professional bodies of publishers and writers for organizing seminars, conferences of writers / publishers/ printers / booksellers related to book promotion and publishing.

(b) & (c) : During the last three year, the grants provided by Ministry of Human Resource Development to National Book Trust under the scheme grant-in-aid for book promotional activities are as follows:

Details	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
No. of beneficiaries availed the scheme	128	104	147
Grants received	150.00 lakh	175.00 lakh	175.00 lakh
Amount disbursed	153.00 lakh	153.00 lakh	162.00 lakh