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Title : Need to reconstitute Parent Teacher Association in Kendriya Vidyalayas all over India.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): In our country, Parent Teacher Associations form an integral part of the functioning of the schools. In school, functions of PTA are manifold. PTA will make parents participate in communication with teachers and other school staff and share concerns regarding their wards academic, social and behavioral progress. Parents can be encouraged to participate and receive assistance in participating effectively in governance and educational decision-making. Parents can volunteer time, skills or resources when needed and wherever possible in schools. They can take part in school and community programmes that empower parents to participate in education process. PTA can hold their children responsible for work, attendance and behaviour which is expected by the school and to teach respect for the person, property, safety and right of others.

In spite of all these, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, New Delhi had dismantled the PTA in KV schools all over the country in 2002. Even after repeated representations from various corners, till now it is not reconstituted. Also sir, Kendriya Vidyalayas CBSE text Books are not at all available in Kerala. At the same time, those books have been sold in North India well before opening of schools. NCERT is showing step-motherly attitude towards the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas and CBSE schools in Kerala. Schools re-opened this year in April, 2006 and almost one term is nearly over.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What is your demand?

DR. K.S. MANOJ : So, I request the hon. Minister of Human Resource Development to take immediate steps to reconstitute Parent Teachers Association in KV schools all over India so that participation of parents in educational activities of schools can be ensured and also to make available the CBSE text books of KV schools in Kerala.