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Title: Non-availability of NCERT and CBSE Text Books in the country especially in Southern States.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister for Human Resource Development and the Government to the matter of non-availability of NCERT and CBSE textbooks in the country, especially in the Southern States, mainly in Kerala.

Last year also, there was shortage of textbooks in the country and I had raised it in Parliament. Only last week, I received the reply from the hon. Minister of State for HRD, Shri M.A.A. Fatmi that CBSE and NCERT have been apprised of the complaint about shortage of textbooks in Kerala and they are making all efforts to ensure that no CBSE affiliated schools, including Kendriya Vidyalayas, would face any shortage during the coming year. But the situation is still worse than the previous year. There is change of textbooks for Standards VII, VIII and X. Classes were already begun but the textbooks of these Standards have not yet been printed and published. It is alleged that printing of the textbooks for these Classes have not been started. Published textbooks too are also not available in Kerala. For schools of Kerala, they have to collect the textbooks from CBSE Regional Office at Chennai. But when the school authorities approached the centre, textbooks were not available. I suspect hoarding of textbooks in connivance with the CBSE authorities is taking place.

Sir, I urge upon the Government to look into the complaints raised by the parents, teaches and students of CBSE schools and ensure the availability of textbooks, especially in Kerala. [\[r10\]](#)