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Title: Need to review the objectionable contents of the Social Science Text Book of Ninth standard syllabus of CBSE published by the NCERT.

SHRI N. PEETHAMBARA KURUP (KOLLAM): I would like to draw your kind attention to certain controversial references contained in the Social Science Text Book of ninth standard syllabus of CBSE, published by the NCERT. In chapter VIII of the book "India and the contemporary World-I", under the title "Clothing : A Social History" in pages 168-169 it has been stated that "In October, 1859 riots broke out as shanar women were attacked in the market place and stripped of their upper clothes. Houses were looted and chapels burnt."

My objection to the content of the book is that it highlights only one aspect of a historical reality. We cannot turn a blind eye to the several social movements that began in early 1930s to restore the rights and self respects of the under privileged.

The great Nair community leader, Shri Mannathu Padmanabhan and Shri E.V. Perumal Naidu led processions that converged at Thiruvananthapuram and gave a joint petition to the then royal family head Sethu Lakshmi Bhai urging her to legally ban the practice of untouchability. The famous Vaikom Satyagraha of 1931 was aimed to give entry to the people belonging to the backward communities to public places. Forward caste leaders like Mannath Padmanabhan, Changanasseri Parameswaran Pillai, T.R. Krishnaswami, K. Kelappan, K.P. Kesava Menon, Kuroor Neelakandan Namboothiri along with Shri "T.K. Madhavan and SNDP leaders participated in the Satyagraha. History cannot be selective reporting of the past. If it is so, it will be an attempt to vitiate and pervert the true historical facts. Rather than fostering brotherhood, secularism and national integration, teaching of distorted or partial accounts of history will only widen the rift between castes and religion in the minds of young children.

I, therefore, request you to take immediate necessary action to withdraw the controversial NCERT text book and make necessary corrections to reflect the true history