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MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017

Updation of NCERT Books

448. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
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SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) proposes to review all its books as they were written over a decade ago and needed to be updated;
- (b) if so, the details along with aims and objectives thereof and the time by which they are likely to be reviewed;
- (c) whether NCERT has sought suggestions from teachers for factual errors and updation and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure timely supply of adequate number of NCERT Books in the next academic session so that parents are not forced to purchase expensive books from Private publishers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government also proposes periodic review of books from Private publishers prescribed by affiliated schools and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) & (b) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has undertaken a review of all of its textbooks, which were developed as a follow-up of the National Curriculum Framework, 2005. The review broadly pertained to rectification of factual errors, if any, and updation of data.

(c) NCERT invited suggestions from teachers online. Suggestions of approximately 700 teachers, which were found relevant for the review exercise, have been incorporated.

(d) NCERT publishes adequate number of books every year. Regular meetings have been held in the Ministry to review the requirement of NCERT textbooks in Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools so as to ensure adequate supply of books to these schools. NCERT launched a portal on 09th August, 2017 to facilitate individuals, schools, States and Union Territories to directly purchase textbooks from them. NCERT has empanelled 905 vendors across the country for distribution of textbooks. Besides, the NCERT has made available all their textbooks on the web-site: epathshala.nic.in for free access and download.

(e) No, Madam.
