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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018

Change in Books and Syllabus

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

- (a) the steps being taken to make improvement in the books and courses of NCERT and UPT;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to constitute a commission or expert committee to attract the children towards education and to make it accessible;
- (c) whether the bookish education being given to the children in our country is matching with the education of other developed countries and if so, the details thereof and if not, the action being taken in this regard; and
- (d) the changes being carried out in the books and course to improve the talent of children?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

- (a) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) have informed that they have undertaken a review of all of its textbooks in the year 2017-18. The review broadly pertained to rectification of factual errors, if any, and updation of data. This is a continuous and regular process.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) sets the guidelines and direction for the development of syllabi and textbooks at all the school stages. As a follow up to the NCF, model curriculum, syllabi, text-books and other supplementary material are developed by NCERT. During the exercise of the making of the NCF-2005, 21 National Focus Groups were constituted on different aspects of school education such as teaching of science, teaching of mathematics, arts education, etc. Each of the Focus Group had brought out research based position paper taking into consideration curriculum researches conducted at the national and international level. The NCF-2005 has been developed drawing insights from these National Focus Groups' position papers.
- (d) The NCERT's textbooks aim for the holistic development of children along with nurturing talents. The NCERT has regularly been updating its course and textbooks to improve the quality of education. The updation of textbooks enables the students to be updated in knowledge, talent and skills, related to different areas.
