

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

11 *Language (S)*
**Tamil Section in Central Hindi
 Directorate**

*253. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI
ATHITHAN
SHRI C. SRINIVASAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Medium Section of the Department of Correspondence Courses, Central Hindi Directorate is functioning with the required qualified staff in Tamil; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by Government to strengthen the Tamil medium section of correspondence courses in Central Hindi Directorate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). As of now, the Tamil Medium Section of the Department of Correspondence Courses, Central Hindi Directorate does not have the full complement of regular staff. Steps for regular appointment of all the staff through Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission/Central Employment Exchange have been taken. In the meantime, ad-hoc working arrangements have been made.

11 *Karnataka*
Shortage of Text Books

*254. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-
WARI:
SHRI J. P. AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports regarding shortage of text books particularly in some States like Karnataka etc.;

(b) whether Government has issued any fresh instructions to NCERT and other concerned agencies to sort out this problem;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if no such instructions have been issued, what measures Government propose to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d). The production and distribution of textbooks for the students of schools located in particular State or Union Territory and affiliated to the State Boards of Education, is the concern of the respective State Government or Union Territory Administration. The School textbooks published by the NCERT are in use only in the schools affiliated to the CBSE, which constitute only 3.95% of the total number of High/Higher Secondary Schools in the country. As such, most of the school students in the country are using textbooks published by organisations/agencies other than the NCERT.

2. Even for the students of classes IX and X of the CBSE-affiliated schools, not all the textbooks prescribed for them by the CBSE are published by the NCERT. In the Science and Humanities subjects for the students of classes XI and XII of such schools the CBSE has not prescribed compulsory study of any particular textbook but recommended a large number of books to be chosen by such students for regular reading and also for reference purpose. Many of such books recommended by the CBSE are being published by private publishers also

3. As regards production and distribu