

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1370**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019**

**Updating NCERT Books**

1370. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

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

- (a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) allowed a gap of 10 years between successive updates of textbooks (2007 and 2017);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government plans to reduce the time period between the successive updates of NCERT textbooks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has informed that they have continuously been updating their textbooks and reprinting the updated textbooks every year by incorporating new priorities and initiatives occurred at the National level. The textbooks were also comprehensively reviewed in 2017-18. Further, NCERT has undertaken review of its textbooks, under the initiative of rationalisation of curriculum in the year 2018-19. NCERT invited suggestions from different stakeholders for this purpose. On the basis of the analysis of the suggestions received, NCERT has again reviewed, rationalized and published its updated textbooks in 2018-19.

(c) to (e) NCERT has been updating its textbooks and reprinting the updated textbooks every year before the beginning of a new academic year. Therefore, there is no scope for further reduction of time period with regard to updation of NCERT textbooks.