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MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2134**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018**

**Political Science Text Books**

**2134. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:**

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

- (a) whether it is true that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has decided to replace the map of East and South East Asia from the Class XII political science text book which depicted Aksai Chin as a disputed area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the decision was taken after online media highlighted the map and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is also true that the said map is not a map of India, but a map of East and South East Asia and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)'s Political Science Class XII Textbook, *Contemporary World Politics*, published in February 2007, contained a map of 'East and South East Asia'. The map was taken from the map collection of the University of Texas and the same was mentioned at the bottom of the map. The map stated that "Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative". In the map, the border between India and China, near Aksai Chin is marked in dotted lines to indicate the dispute. As soon as objections were raised against the map, the NCERT examined the matter and decided to replace this map. The map already stands deleted in the online version.
- (c) Yes, Madam. Soon after the map came into question on 8th May 2017, the NCERT examined the matter and decided to replace this map. The map has already been deleted in the online version.
- (d) Yes, Madam. The heading of the map stated that it was a Map of East and South East Asia. The source of the map was mentioned below the map as "Courtesy of the University of Texas Libraries, The University of Texas at Austin".