

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 324  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19-03-2018**

**English Language Textbooks**

**\* 324. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

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

- (a) whether the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has recommended the Government to include and incorporate passages from the autobiography of late president Shri APJ Abdul Kalam in the English language textbooks prescribed by the secondary school certificate and higher secondary certificate Boards from the next academic year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any representation from any State Government to implement such a decision; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**Statement Referred to in Reply to Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 324 for reply on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 asked by Shri Kodikunnil Suresh regarding English Language Textbooks**

(a) to (c) : No, Madam. Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has not recommended including and incorporating passages from the autobiography of late President Shri A. P. J. Abdul Kalam in the English language textbooks prescribed by the secondary school certificate and higher secondary certificate Boards. However, Sh. Latif Magdum, Secretary, Maharashtra Cosmopolitan Education Society, Pune and Nominated member (Minority Educational Institutions) of CABE proposed such agenda for inclusion in agenda for 63<sup>rd</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> meeting of CABE held on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 respectively. The proposed agenda was placed before CABE in both the meetings; however, no decision was taken in the matter.

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