

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 327
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

Updation of NCERT Text Books

*327. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that about one crore unsold NCERT text books are likely to become obsolete as the text books are being updated for the upcoming 2018-19 academic session, thereby causing a loss of Rs. 30 crore to the national exchequer and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government had plans to update the text books and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for printing such a large number of text books last year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes the sale of the aforesaid text books through book fairs and other possible platforms and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up an effective mechanism to keep a balance between the demand and supply of NCERT text books, thereby avoiding the huge loss and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 327 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018 ASKED BY SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN, MP AND SHRI ANTO ANTONY, MP REGARDING 'UPDATION OF NCERT TEXT BOOKS'.

(a) & (b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) have informed that they do not have any leftover stock of un-updated books. Therefore, no books have become obsolete due to their updation. NCERT has updated its textbooks for the year 2018-19 on the basis of suggestions received from teachers, students, experts, parents, etc. In this regard a web portal was created by the NCERT and suggestions from teachers were invited, accordingly books have been reviewed and appropriate updation and additions were incorporated into the textbook. The review broadly pertained to rectification of factual errors, if any, and updation of data.

(c) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

(d) NCERT already has a mechanism for maintaining a balance between demand and supply of textbooks. NCERT has launched a dedicated web portal (www.ncertbooks.ncert.gov.in) for supply of textbooks to schools and individuals. All interested Schools, Agencies, Individuals, including State Government/Agencies and 895 NCERT empanelled Vendors can place their requirement of NCERT textbooks on this Portal. NCERT assesses the demand through the portal and accordingly prints the required number of textbooks.
