

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.382  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**Mandatory NCERT Books.**

**382. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:**

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

- (a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has made NCERT books mandatory in all its affiliated schools and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the schools thereto;
- (b) whether the CBSE has tied up with private players for use of digital education and smart board technology in schools and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to control schools from charging extra money in the form of high commission from private publishers to prescribe their expensive textbooks ?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

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(a)&(b): No Madam.

- (c): In so far as the schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are concerned, CBSE has advised schools to provide textbooks published by NCERT on MRP vide circular no. CBSE/AFF/CIRCULAR/16a/2017/1335026 dated 18.12.2017. This circular can be accessed on the website <http://cbse.nic.in/newsite/cir2017.html>.

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