

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†782
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd July, 2018**

Making NCERT Books Mandatory

†782. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government/Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to make National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks mandatory in all the schools affiliated with CBSE across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the NCERT is ready to make the textbooks of all the subjects available in sufficient number through their district sellers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any cell has been set up to deal with the complaints of guardians regarding non-availability of NCERT books on time; and
- (f) if not, the manner in which the Government/CBSE is likely to address the complaints of guardians?

ANSWER

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

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is ready to provide adequate number of textbooks. All NCERT sales outlets are equipped with adequate stock to supply textbooks. Further, for the purpose of distribution of textbooks, NCERT has enlarged its distribution network of vendors across the country. The details of such 895 vendors have been uploaded on the NCERT website for the convenience of the schools and parents.

(e)&(f): NCERT has developed a dedicated portal to ensure availability of text books to all. Telephone numbers and e-mail address on which the complaints regarding non-availability of textbooks can be registered have been prominently displayed on the portal. The Publication Division of NCERT is continuously monitoring the progress of availability of textbooks. Complaints regarding non-availability of textbooks, if any, received are attended to and resolved by the Publication Division of NCERT promptly.
