

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 420
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019**

NCERT Books

420. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has made it mandatory for all CBSE schools in the country to use NCERT books;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made arrangements for online orders of NCERT books;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the modalities fixed therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure easy availability of NCERT books in the remote areas of the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) and (b): The Central Board of Secondary Education has informed that the affiliation byelaws of CBSE stipulates that the School may prescribe NCERT text books in the classes and subjects in which these have been published by the NCERT. It has been also highlighted that extreme care should be taken in the selection of books of private publishers so that there is no objectionable content that hurts the feeling of any class, community, gender or any religious group in society.

(c) and (d): Yes Sir, the detailed information can be accessed on the web portal of NCERT (<https://ncertbooks.ncert.gov.in>).

(e): The following steps have been taken by NCERT:-

- NCERT has empanelled 895 vendors across the country for distribution of NCERT books
- For timely printing of books, NCERT has empanelled 140 printers.
- NCERT books are also being distributed through its sales counters located at NCERT headquarter, New Delhi, regional centres at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kolkata and Guwahati, also from the sales counters located at its RIE's at Ajmer, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Mysore and NERIE (Shillong).
- NCERT books are also being supplied through online postal services at the door steps of the customers
- All NCERT books are made available on its website www.ncert.nic.in for free download across the country.
- NCERT books are also available on e-pathshala mobile app.
