

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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NCERT - Divisional of Education Kits

1346. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the authorities empanelled by the Division of Educational Kits (DEK) NCERT are smoothly distributing the education kits in time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of kits that have been distributed and supplied along with the details of the parties who distributed them, State-wise and school-wise;
- (d) the criteria fixed by the Government to monitor the quality of educational kits which are being delivered to the end user;
- (e) whether any special team has been appointed to monitor the criteria is being followed;
- (f) whether the educational kits developed and designed by NCERT are being inspected by any authorised authority; and
- (g) if so, the details of the authority who inspects the school kits?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has empanelled 23(twenty three) firms for supply of different type of NCERT Educational Kits through open e-tender process (through CPP Portal) in November 2021 and these firms are smoothly distributing the education kits in time except in case of force majeure, etc. As per Terms & Conditions (T&C) of empanelment and procedure for procurement of Kit, all the ordered Kits were distributed equally amongst all the firms for the supply of a particular Kit. In general, the buyer States ask to supply the Kits at the Block/District Level and further distribution to the Schools is done by the States itself. The details of the Kits supplied by empanelled firms to different states, details of the empanelled firms, etc. is available on NCERT website at following link:

<https://ncert.nic.in/division/dek/details-of-kits-supplied.php>

(d) to (g) There are specifications for all the items contained in the Kits including the Kits box and detailed User's manual is provided in each Kit. The Joint Inspection Team (JIT) including the team of experts of NCERT and team of experts from respective States/UTs does the inspection of the ordered Kits at the factory site of the firms. The delivery locations are given to the firms only if the ordered quantity of Kits is found as per the specifications by the JIT. After the delivery of Kits, the Buyers are supposed to verify the Kit items at their ends as per the guidelines given in the User's manual and if there is any discrepancy, they report the matter to supplier firm as well as the Division of Educational Kits (DEK). There is warranty of 12 months for all Kits and a *Warranty Certificate* is provided by the firm along with each Kit.
