

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.213**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022**

**Shortage of NCERT Books**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) books in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to take any concrete/effective step to ensure supply of NCERT books;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has informed that there is no reported shortage of NCERT books in the country. They have informed that 4.25 crore textbooks for the Academic Session 2022-23 have already been distributed through 950 empanelled vendors all over the Nation. Besides, NCERT textbooks are also distributed through its Sales Counters located at NCERT Headquarter, New Delhi, its Regional Institutes of Education (RIEs) at Ajmer, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Mysuru and Shillong and its regional centers at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kolkata and Guwahati. Online orders for procurement of NCERT textbooks can also be placed through NCERT web portal ([www.ncertbooks.ncert.gov.in](http://www.ncertbooks.ncert.gov.in)). The online ordered textbooks are supplied at the doorstep of the customer with the help of Indian Postal Services. All the NCERT textbooks are also made available for free download in PDF form through its digital platforms such as E-Pathshala, E-Pub, etc. to facilitate the students across the country.

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