

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NON-AVAILABILITY OF NCERT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the short supply of text books by NCERT in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that some of the text books prescribed for the students of Class XII were not available with NCERT till July 4, 2003;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have fixed the responsibility for the delay;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government against the erring officials; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government to get the books published on time?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c) As per information received from NCERT, they have published and released, before July 4, 2003, all the textbooks in English for all classes for the academic session 2003-2004. Only six Hindi books and one Urdu language book are under print and will be made available soon. The textbooks have been made available through the network of 160 wholesale agents throughout the country and NCERT's Distribution Centres/Sales Counters located at New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kolkata and Guwahati.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.