

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3068
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SUBSIDY ON SENDING OF BOOKS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provide any subsidy on sending of books by post;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to reduce the subsidy to 50% or less to make postal service more effective;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the share of the Ministry of Human Resource Development in subsidy, if any?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) As per the projection for the year 2002-2003 the subsidy is being provided to the tune of Rs. 27.30 crores on the service i.e. of about 76%.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) Nil.