

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

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

- (a) whether several excerpts lifted from a seminal US book, `World civilization, Their History, Their civilization` were included in the NCERT Textbook for class XII as reported in the Indian Express dated October, 10, 2003;
- (b) if so, whether this amounts to plagiarism; and
- (c) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

- (a): No, Sir. There are similarities in a couple of sentences in the first chapter `beginning of the modern age`. There is, however, not the remotest hint of lifting of several excerpts from the US book, `World Civilizations` as has been reported in the Indian Express.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.