

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SINGLE BOOK FOR SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a single book approved by the CBSE/NCERT etc. for each subject of Shorthand and Typewriting for achieving the target at Senior Secondary level is being considered by National Institute of Open School;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status thereof;
- (c) steps NIOS intend to take to help the students in this regard; and
- (d) the extent to which it will help students?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI M.A.A. FATMI )

(a) & (b): NIOS has been vested with the powers to develop its own curriculum and course materials etc. and to conduct examination based on the approved curriculum. From the year 2001 onwards, NIOS developed self-instructional material based on its curriculum in Shorthand and Typewriting at the Senior Secondary level. NIOS is not considering the single book approved by CBSE/NCERT for shorthand and typewriting.

(c) & (d): Study materials in these subjects are made available to assist the learners in their self-study. NIOS further conducts personal contact programmes for the benefit of the learners.. The self-study material and personal contact programmes help the learners to achieve desired level of competence in these subjects.