

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

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REVIEW OF TEXT BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Textbook Council to review textbooks for schools outside the Government system as reported in the Times of India dated December 02, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details and facts thereof;
- (c) the reasons for review of textbooks;
- (d) the criteria adopted for selection of books for review;
- (e) the time by which the review process will be completed;
- (f) whether the National Textbooks Council also review textbooks of NCERT and SCERT;
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (h) A committee of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on `Textbooks and Parallel Textbook Taught in School's Outside Government System` has recommended setting up of National Textbook Council (NTC) independent of any organisation involved in textbook preparation, to monitor textbooks, and to provide a forum to the citizens to register their complaints regarding textbooks for investigation. The matter is under consideration.