

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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NATIONAL BOOK TRUST
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria and procedure adopted by the National Book Trust (NBT) for the selection and publication of a book;
- (b) whether there is a Selection Board for selecting a book for publication;
- (c) if so, the name of members of the Board alongwith the procedure for appointing the same; and
- (d) the number of Manipuri books so far published by NBT since its inception?

Answer

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

- (a) The National Book Trust, India (NBT) receives a number of proposals from various writers for publication of their books. Some of these are unsolicited as well. The NBT has Advisory Panels for various languages and series to consider the proposals received taking into consideration all facets of publishing including the relevance of the subject, quality of work, authorship and availability of literature in the area. On the recommendations of these panels several topics are identified in which there is a dearth of literature. The Trust commissions authors, writers in keeping with these requirements.
- (b) There is no Selection Board for selection of books for publication.
- (c) Question does not arise.
- (d) The NBT has till date published 14 (Fourteen) books in Manipuri language.