

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.D. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has intimated that it has already released as many as 227 titles of textbooks in the market and that the remaining 10 titles would be released shortly. The NCERT has already hosted 54 textbooks for classes IX to XII on its website *www.ncert.nic.in* for easy access to the material.

(c) the NCERT is taking steps to review and reform its textbooks production and distribution system in order to ensure timely availability of textbooks to the students.

Increase of students in Primary Education Sector

‡4055. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: SHRI
RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

(a) whether mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has revealed the fact that the number of students taking admissions has increased in Primary Education Sector and the rate of drop-outs upto Class V has also decreased;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assessment with regard to the extent of improvement in the future and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.D. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Mid-term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Admission in colleges/universities

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SHRI RAMJETHMALANI:

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

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.