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(c) if so, as discrepancies always existed in the interpretation of History and the process being time-consuming, what the students would be taught in the intervening period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The panel of three eminent Historians were asked to do a quick review of History textbooks of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and to suggest what needed to be done in the short term in view of the issues of communalization and inadequacies that has engaged the public and academic attention for a long time. The panel indicated in its report that these books are biased, badly written and full of inadequacies, rendering them unsuitable for consideration. However, because of advanced stage of the current academic session, it was decided by the Executive Committee of the NCERT which considered the report of the panel that the existing NCERT History textbooks would be used by the students during the current session and the teachers of the school would teach the students taking the help of Advisory prepared by NCERT and the old History textbooks of NCERT that were used in CBSE schools prior to the introduction of controversial textbooks. From the academic session 2005-2008, earlier History books of NCERT will be restored with appropriate modifications.

Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala

364. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy rush of students seeking admission in the Central schools (KV's) in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in various parts of the State in near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Proposals to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country are under consideration.