whether it is a fact that a new CBSE textbook for class three in an Army school in Srinagar depicts the map of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) as exactly how Pakistan claims it to be;

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- (b) if so, the reasons therefor, and
- (c) the suitable action the Ministry is contemplating against the author and publisher of the book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has neither published nor prescribed any such textbook.

(c) Does not arise.

Second design of Aakash tablets

4738. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering a second design of Aakash tablets;
- (b) if so, the status of the project; and
- the details regarding distribution of the tablets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After launch of Aakash Tablet on 5th October, 2011, higher specifications (which include 700 MHz Cortex A8 processor as against 366 MHz Arm 11 processor, 3200 mAH battery as against 2100 mAH battery and capacitive touch screen as against resistive touch screen) at the same price have been necessitated to overcome the initial difficulties observed in the devices. Earlier this project for procurement and testing of 1,00,000 Low cost tablets was assigned to IIT Rajasthan but in view of certain intractable problems being faced by them, now the project has been transferred to IIT Bombay for carrying it forward.

Since the first phase of 1,00,000 tablets are targeted to the students in higher technical education institutions so as to ascertain technical feedback on its operation and usability; no norms for distribution of tablet have been laid down. Further, letters have been written to the Vice-Chancellors of universities, heads of higher educational institutions and State Governments to ascertain the demand for Aakash Tablets.