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	128.	Pukhraya, Distt. Ramabai Nagar
	129.	Daselia, Distt. Sitapur
	130.	Shivgarh, Distt. Raebreilly
	131.	Hardoi, District Hardoi
	132.	Sharawasti, District Sharawasti
	133.	Gangrani, District Kushi Nagar

#### Removal of sentences from textbooks

\*14. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has been asked to remove some sentences on North East from textbooks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such lapses have been noticed in many textbooks in recent times; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to prevent such things?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) and (b) No Sir. However, a reference was received from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India for review of the following sentence on page 92 of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) Geography text book for Class X in Chapter 7:

"there is vast potential of tourism development in the north-eastern states and the interior parts of Himalayas, but due to strategic reasons these have not been encouraged so far".

The NCERT has informed that considering the pedagogical issues and stage of school education, the entire paragraph on page No. 92, pertaining to sentence quoted above, has been modified to make students inquisitive about the vast

potential of tourism industry in India with emphasis to North-East region and the same is being incorporated in the new editions of the textbook to be printed in future.

(c) and (d) The NCERT publishes 359 textbooks for classes I to XII in Hindi, English and Urdu. Major references received with regard to certain content in the NCERT textbooks recently are mentioned below:

- Reference made to Shri Narayana Guru in Social Science Textbook in History for Class VIII - **Our Pasts-III, Part 1**
- Reference to Nadar Community Social Science Textbook in History for Class IX - India and the **Contemporary World-I**
- Reference to two illustrations and related content given in the theme *The Central Islamic Lands* - Textbook in History for Class XI - **Themes in World History**
- Reference made to Mirabai as a wandering singer Textbook in History for Class XII - **Themes in Indian History, Part- II**

Appropriate changes in the aforesaid textbooks were made after following the due procedure by the NCERT. Textbook development involves a rigorous process involving subject experts, practicing teachers and researchers from various institutions across the country. Every effort is taken to ensure that no stereotype or prejudice creeps into the texts and the activities of the textbooks in any manner. Any objectionable aspect pointed out in any NCERT textbook is taken into serious consideration and dealt academically by NCERT at the Textbook Development Committee and also at National Monitoring Committee level set up by the Government of India.

#### **Establishing a National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency**

\*15. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to establish a National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency as an authority for promotion, regulation and control of efficient use of water for irrigation, municipal and industrial purposes;