

Derogatory language in NCERT textbooks

†1150. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether illogical, insulting and derogatory language has been used in Hindi textbooks of classes 1, 6, 9 and 11 under the prescribed curriculum of NCERT and education boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Ministry, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) The contents of Textbooks of NCERT are developed by the Textbook Development Committee (TDC) and approved by the National Monitoring Committee (NMC). A review committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Yashpal was constituted on 30.08.2006 to review the lessons in Hindi Textbooks on which some issues were raised during the Monsoon Session of Parliament in 2006.

The committee submitted its report on 20.10.2006. After consideration of the report of the Committee the following action was taken:—

- (i) In the book Antara-I, the story 'Apni Khabar' by Pandeya Bechan Sharma Ugra has been replaced by story 'Uski Maa' written by the same author. Similarly in the same book the poem 'Mochiram' by Dhoomil has been replaced by poem 'Ghar Main Wapsi' by the same author.
- (ii) In the book Aaroh-I the story 'Doodh Ka Daam' by Premchand has been replaced by the story 'Namak Ka Daroga' by the same author.
- (iii) In the book Aaroh-I, introduction to the poem by Paash has been modified.

The Ministry is unaware of any other issues relating to the use of inappropriate language in Hindi Textbooks.

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1151. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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