

**Irregularities in purchase of paper in NCERT**

†1598. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent by NCERT during 2010-11 to 2014-15 for buying papers for printing of books year-wise;

(b) whether any complaint regarding irregularity in purchase of papers is pending with the Central Vigilance Commission since 2012; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken against the persons involved in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) The year wise details of the amount spent by NCERT during 2010-11 to 2014-15 for buying paper for printing of books is given below:

Sl.No.	Financial Year	Amount spent on purchase of Paper (in ₹)
1.	2010-11	44,94,09,219.00
2.	2011-12	41,84,40,555.00
3.	2012-13	93,70,63,328.00
4.	2013-14	98,60,80,061.00
5.	2014-15	1,28,41,17,232.00

(b) and (c) A complaint regarding irregularity in purchase of papers was received in the office of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in the year 2012. A fact finding inquiry has been ordered into the matter.

**Enquiry against IGNOU**

1599. SHRI A. V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has initiated an enquiry against IGNOU on 18th November, 2014 by constituting a one member Committee and that the Vice-Chancellor was asked to proceed on leave till the committee submits its report to the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Inquiry Committee is yet to submit its final report to the Ministry.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.