

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (d) University of Delhi has informed that the “Tuition Fees” of all the courses of the University of Delhi is similar for all the Colleges. However, the Colleges, as per the approval of their respective Governing Bodies, charge different fees under various heads resulting in overall fees of all the Colleges differing from each other. The details of the fee may be seen in the Bulletin of the Information (2017-18) as available on the website of the University of Delhi (https://ug.du.ac.in/app/Supports/UG_Bulletin2017.pdf).

Depiction of Aksai Chin in NCERT Book

1346. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has decided to replace the map of East and South East Asia in the Class XII political science text book which depicted Aksai Chin as a disputed area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that decision was taken after online media highlighted the map on page 56 of the book under the heading Aksai Chin belongs to China; and

(d) whether the map on page 56 of the book is not a map of India, but a map of East and South East Asia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)'s Political Science Class XII Textbook, Contemporary World Politics, published in February 2007, contains a map of 'East and South East Asia' at page 56. The map was taken from the map collection of the University of Texas and the same was mentioned at the bottom. The map states that “Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative”. In the map, the border between India and China, near Aksai Chin is marked in dotted lines to indicate the dispute. As soon as objections were raised against the map, the NCERT examined the matter and decided to replace this map. The map already stands deleted in the online version.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

Examination and Valuation Reforms in CBSE

1347. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has embarked on examination and valuation reforms for class X and class XII from 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CBSE proposes to hold examination for above classes in February instead of March next year; and

(d) if so, the need in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, to review and bring reform to the present evaluation system, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has constituted two Independent Committees in order to bring systematic improvement in the evaluation and post examination activities to make them error free.

(c) and (d) No Sir, as of now, no such proposal has been moved by the CBSE. However, the Board continuously strive towards betterment of education through various examination reforms being taken from time-to-time.

Kendriya Vidyalayas as Model Schools

1348. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to expand Kendriya Vidyalayas as model schools and extend it to poorer sections of society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in unrepresented areas and/or districts; and