

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1501**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

**SUPPORT TO PUBLICATION DIVISION AND NBT TO PRODUCE  
QUALITY PUBLICATIONS**

**1501 SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:**

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the working efficiency of Publication Division and National Book Trust (NBT) has gone down considerably as these are not able to bring out quality publications in recent past;
- (b) the details of publications reprints brought out by Publication Division and NBT during the last five years;
- (c) whether Government has reviewed their performance during the said period and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) details of actions Government proposes to take to improve their functioning so as to produce quality publications at reasonable cost for common people?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER  
OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

- (a) : Publications Division and National Book Trust (NBT) are continuously upgrading their publications with enriched content and innovative designing increasing user base. The working efficiency of these**

**organizations have increased over the time. During the last five years, NBT has published 7,652 Titles and Publications Division has published 739 Titles.**

**(b) : Publications Division and NBT have brought out 274 and 6,487 reprints of their publications respectively during the last five years.**

**(c) and (d) : The performance of NBT is reviewed annually by its Governing Body. The Annual Report with details of activities and publications is laid in the Parliament by Ministry of Education every year. Performance of Publications Division is reviewed from time to time. Publications Division has an internal book committee, chaired by Director (Editorial), which constantly reviews and strives to maintain quality content of publications, and making them available at reasonable costs as per Business Policy of Publications Division.**

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