

**Removal of Munshi Premchand's novel 'Nirmala' from
Hindi syllabus**

‡3260. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI:
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SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that various literary-cultural organizations of the country have expressed their anguish over the decision to remove Munshi Premchand's novel 'Nirmala' from Hindi syllabus of 12th class by Central Board of Secondary Education;

(b) whether they have given any memorandum to the Chairman of the Board in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Board has received certain representations from 'Janvadi Lekhak Sangh' with regard to removal of Munshi Premchand's novel 'Nirmala' in class 12th by Central Board of Secondary Education.

(c) The Board has provided an alternative to 'Nirmala' by Munshi Premchand with 'Jyon Mehendi Ko Rang' by Mridula Sinha in Hindi Elective of class 12th for the examination of March, 2004. The students will have an option to choose from out of the two novels.

For March, 2005 examination, the Board has introduced 'Rangbhoomi' by Munshi Premchand in place of 'Nirmala' as its alternative 'Jyon Mehendi Ko Rang'. The students will have an option to choose from out of the two novels.

Change in CBSE syllabus

3261. SHRIVI JAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while CBSE syllabus of science and commerce subjects has been revised, but such revision in case of various subjects of humanities is facing opposition from various quarters;

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.