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**Dedicated portal launched by NCERT to facilitate supply of books to
CBSE affiliated schools**New Delhi, March 23rd, 2018

National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is ready to supply the required number of textbooks to all Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools for the academic session 2018-19. NCERT has also enlarged its distribution network of vendors across the country. The details of such (895) vendors have been uploaded on the NCERT website for the convenience of the schools and parents. The NCERT has not received any reports regarding scarcity of textbooks from schools or students so far.

NCERT has discussed the issue of publishing and providing textbooks with the CBSE. NCERT has launched a dedicated web portal (www.ncertbooks.ncert.gov.in) for supply of textbooks to schools and individuals. 3578 schools have placed their requirement of NCERT books on this portal. Thirteen (13) States/Union Territories have taken copyright permission from NCERT for printing of NCERT Textbooks for their respective States/Union Territories. Ten (10) States /Union Territories are procuring the Textbooks directly from the NCERT. The Publication Division of NCERT is continuously monitoring the progress of availability of textbooks for the academic session 2018-19. In addition, NCERT textbooks can be downloaded, free of cost, from NCERT's website www.ncert.nic.in. NCERT has also made available all their textbooks for free access through the web (epathshala.nic.in) and mobile devices.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Shri Upendra Kushwaha today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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