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## PRESS STATEMENT BY SH KAPIL SIBAL, UNION MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REGARDING CARTOON ON ANTI-HINDI MOVEMENT IN NCERT TEXT BOOKS New Delhi: June 12, 2012

News items have appeared in the media regarding statements by leaders from Tamil Nadu in connection with a cartoon on anti-Hindi movement in the NCERT text books. In the light of this the Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Kapil Sibal has issued the following press statement:

There have been certain news items in the media regarding statements by leaders from Tamil Nadu in connection with a cartoon on anti Hindi movement in the NCERT text books.

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) New Delhi has already constituted a committee on  $14^{th}$  May, 2012 under the chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Thorat, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) to review the classes IX – XII Social Science/Political Science textbooks of NCERT from the point of view of identifying educationally inappropriate material in them and to provide suggestions for alternatives to be placed in the textbooks. This issue is also being examined by the committee as a part of the exercise undertaken by the committee.

The committee is likely to submit its report shortly.

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