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**Availability of NCERT Textbooks**

CBSE reiterating its circular dated July 20, 2015 has clarified that prescribing too many books and coercing parents and children to buy them is unhealthy practice that is educationally unsound. Especially since NCERT textual materials are the base for preparing test items in the Board Examinations and the Question Paper of CBSE is set according to prescribed syllabus of the subject.

All the schools affiliated to CBSE follow syllabi prescribed by the NCERT. NCERT is running its own sales counters at Bhopal, Shillong, Ajmer, Mysore, Bhubaneswar, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Guwahati and New Delhi for catering to the needs of individuals and schools. Any school affiliated to CBSE can procure their requirement of NCERT textbooks in bulk from any of these centers.

NCERT has given copyright to eight states and the states have to print books to meet their demand. The NCERT books from classes I to XII are available free of cost at [epathshala.nic.in](http://epathshala.nic.in) and the publications by CBSE are available free of cost at e-CBSE Portal at [www.cbse.nic.in](http://www.cbse.nic.in), students and parents can avail this facility.

It is, therefore reiterated that parents of CBSE affiliated schools should not be coerced to buy additional textbooks by the school authorities.

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