

Online procurement of NCERT books

The Directorate of Education on Tuesday asked heads of schools to inform teachers and students about the online procurement of National Council Of Educational Research And Training (NCERT) textbooks.

Listing the facilities put forward by NCERT for procurement of books, the directorate said, "All the heads of government schools will inform and make all the students aware in the morning assembly about the above mentioned facilities provided by NCERT."

The books can be ordered using NCERT's online portal which was launched in August 2017. "NCERT has many text books available with it in the print and digital form and has also made arrangements for home delivery of the text books," the notice said, adding a list of around 800 book sellers that sell NCERT books all over India is also available on the website.

"This year, QR code has also been inscribed on the text books which will help in reaching to E-Pathshala material," the notice read. The application e-pathshala, developed jointly by NCERT and HRD ministry, was developed for disseminating educational e-resources.

Awadhesh Jha, head of school of Sarvodaya Vidyalaya in Sector-8 Rohini, said, "Though students would have bought most of the books by now, there can be a chance that some books might have been out of stock or unavailable. The online procurement will help students get such books easily, without making numerous trips to the shops."

He said that since the books would also be available in the digital form, students would be able to study more comfortably and the time spent on gadgets would be used more efficiently.

Suresh Kumar Tiwari, a resident of east Delhi whose children study in government schools, said he was not aware about the online procurement of books. "If we can buy books online, it will be more convenient. We work around 10-12 hours. After that going to the book shops and jostling with the crowds there to buy books is tiring."