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Subject: Newspaper item on *Azad reference omitted in NCERT textbook-regarding*

Comments from NCERT

With regard to the Hindu Newspaper Report *Azad reference omitted in NCERT textbook*, it is stated that there has been no change in the Textbook of Class XI Political Science *Indian Constitution at Work* in the process of rationalization of 2022-23. The rationalized version available in the print and online form highlights the retained contents of the textbook in its entirety as given in the textbook editions of 2019 and 2020.

While exploring the matter in earlier editions of the textbook, it was found that from 2014-15 onwards the name of Maulana Azad was not there in the referred para. This textbook for the session 2014-15 was finalized for printing in October 2013 as per the record of the Publication Division. So, the Hindu Newspaper Report has not correctly reported on the matter and linked this matter with the present rationalization exercise, whereas this was done as a regular practice of reprinting of NCERT textbooks updating and correcting the information. Hence the reporters must be cautious and serious while reporting on such sensitive issues.

In the context of Jammu and Kashmir mentioned in the same report, it is stated that contents relating to the same was updated for 2020-21 in view of the abrogation of article 370 in 2019.