

During the year 2005-2008, Textbook Development Committees (TDCs) were constituted by the NCERT for development of textbooks in various subjects for all classes. These committees were purely academic in nature and existed until the textbooks were developed.

After the textbooks were published by the NCERT, their copyright remained vested with the NCERT independent of the Textbook Development Committee (TDC).

All members of the Textbook Development Committees (TDCs) had given their concurrence on this through written undertakings.

Therefore, the roles of the members of the Textbook Development Committees in various capacities such as

1. Chief Advisor
2. Advisor
3. Member and
4. Member-Coordinator

was limited to advising how to design and develop the textbooks or contributing to the development of their contents and not beyond this.

Textbooks at the school level are 'developed' based on the state of our knowledge and understanding on a given subject. Therefore, at no stage individual authorship is claimed, hence the withdrawal of association by any one is out of question.

Textbooks are reflections/ products of contributing efforts of all concerned i.e.

- a) Subject Experts
- b) Pedagogues
- c) Practising teachers
- d) Book designers
- e) Illustrators
- f) Cartographers
- g) Editors
- h) Proof readers
- i) Page-setters and
- j) Reviewers

The terms of these Textbook Development Committees (TDCs) have ended since the date of their first publication. However, NCERT acknowledges their academic contribution and only because of this, for the sake of record, publishes names of all Textbook Development Committee (TDC) members in each of its textbook.

NCERT, as the copy-right owner of all its textbooks, adopts clear procedures to make corrections/changes from time to time depending on (a) feedbacks received from their users (teachers, students etc.) (b) identification of factual inaccuracies, incompatible expression based on core values as recommended for textbook development etc.

NCERT has been doing so on a regular basis for its reprint editions.