

Regarding smooth running of the Odia Medium Schools in Jharkhand

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Respected Sir, I want to speak in Odia, I had given notice yesterday.

Provisions for imparting education in Odia language in the state of Jharkhand is continuing even before independence.

Our constitution under article 350B guarantees education for the linguistic minority group in their respective mother tongue in every state. New education policy 2020 also encourages and gives emphasis for education in mother tongue.

Likewise, Odisha govt. runs Telugu, Bangla, Hindi medium schools from primary to highschool level. In Jharkhand also, 35 Odia language schools are running as of now. But the issue is that, vacant posts in these schools are not filled up with Odia teachers. Positions lying vacant due to retirement of Odia language teachers are being filled up by Hindi teachers.

This matter was brought to the notice of CM of Odisha Shri Naveen Pattnaik and also to the CM of Jharkhand Hemant Soren by locale persons requesting their intervention. Odisha CM also wrote a letter appraising Shri Soren of the issue. But no action was initiated.

I urge the central Govt. through you sir to take cognisance of the issue. There is a constitutional provision under article 350B, also the new education policy, yet why the matter is still pending? There is an urgent need for the central govt. to interfere. The central govt. should issue instructions issue instructions to the Jharkhand Govt. to do the needful and to take necessary steps for smooth running of the Odia medium schools and appoint Odia teachers against vacant positions.