

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HINDI MEDIUM IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering to gradually introduce Hindi as a medium of instruction for systematically imparting medical and technical education and conducting research works in all the Universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have sought opinion of the experts in propagation and use of Hindi as link language of the country for introducing such education;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the arrangements being made for providing medical and technical books and reference books for this purpose ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d): The National Policy on Education, 1986 and Programme of Action (PoA), 1992, stresses on development of Hindi as the link language as provided for in Article 351 of the Constitution. The National Policy on Education emphasizes adoption of various Indian languages including Hindi as medium of instruction at university stage. There is no proposal at present for taking opinion of any expert group on the subject.

(e): Government set up the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) in 1960 to promote the production of a uniform technical terminology in Hindi and in other modern Indian languages and for the production of text books, reference literature and supplementary reading material in various disciplines (including medicine and engineering). Over 50000 technical terms in the medical sciences and 120000 in engineering and information technology have been evolved.

Further, since the 4th Five Year Plan, the CSTT has been implementing, in collaboration with various state level university text book Boards, a scheme for the production of text books in various Indian languages including Hindi. Under this scheme, CSTT has produced in Hindi 85 books on technical subjects and 75 books on the medical sciences. A further 30 books are under process.