

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LANGUAGE TEACHERS FOR CHILDREN OF INDIAN DIASPORA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether South Africa has sought language teachers and educational material for children of Indian Diaspora;
- (b) if so, the languages for which teachers have been sought; and
- (c) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) to (c) During a meeting between H.E. Mr. Narend Singh, Minister of Education, Culture & Sports of KwaZulu Natal Province of South Africa and Minister of State for Human Resource Development (S&HE) on the occasion of his visit to India in connection with the Second Pravasi Bharatiya Divasin January 2004, a request for teachers in Maths, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu etc. and education material which would be inexpensive compared to that from their usual sources was made. However, no formal request in this regard has been received from the Government of South Africa.