

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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THREE LANGUAGE FORMULA  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether three language formula is being implemented in all the schools of the country particularly in Maharashtra upto Xth standard;
- (b) if so, whether the students from C.B.S.E. and I.C.S.E. can pass secondary school certificate examination with two languages and that too without studying a single Indian language;
- (c) whether as per the National Policy on Education it is necessary to have three language formula in all the schools uniformly but the students of CBSE and ICSE institutions can pass the SSC examination with two languages;
- (d) whether the SSC examination conducted by the CBSE and ICSE is equivalent to the SSC examination conducted by the State Board and further admissions are given on the basis of merit;
- (e) whether the students appeared for SSC examination from the State Board are required to study one additional language subject;
- (f) whether the various State Governments have requested the Union Government to implement a uniform three language formula in the country; and
- (g) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

- (a) & (b) All the schools affiliated to Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) have already implemented Three Language Formula which includes the study of Hindi, English and a modern Indian language, preferably one of the southern languages in the Hindi speaking States and of the regional language, Hindi and English in the non- Hindi speaking States.
- (c) The Three Language Formula advocated by the National Policy on Education was approved by the Parliament. Being a policy decision, it is the responsibility for the Union Government as well as all the States/UTs to implement this formula in the school curriculum. The role of the Central Government in the matter of the implementation of the Three Language Formula is recommendatory. Implementation of this formula is the sole responsibility of the State Governments.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The Three Language Formula is applicable at the upper primary stage and has to continue upto the end of Secondary stage i.e. class X. It requires the study of Hindi, English and a modern Indian language, preferably one of the Southern languages in the Hindi speaking States and one of the regional languages, Hindi and English in the non-Hindi speaking States. The implementation of the Three Language Formula is the sole responsibility of the State Governments.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise.