

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

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MULTI-LINGUAL EDUCATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has selected multi-lingual education system (MLE) of Orissa as one of the innovative programmes for the entire country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such schools which have been opened by the Orissa Government;
- (d) whether it is the first State in India to adopt this method in tribal belts;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Union Government to help the State Government to make this project a success?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (f): Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) States are encouraged to adopt State specific innovations in education as per their requirement. Orissa has introduced Multi-lingual education (MLE) in 547 schools in 8 tribal districts to facilitate tribal children to transit from home language to school language. Orissa is the second State after Andhra Pradesh to introduce MLE.