

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

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CHINESE LANGUAGE IN CBSE CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has sought Chinese help in training Indian teachers as part of a plan to introduce Mandarin in the CBSE curriculum for primary students;
- (b) if so, whether any agreement has been signed in this respect; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the purpose and intent of introducing this language as a part of the CBSE curriculum?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) and (b) : During a recent visit of an Indian delegation to China, the Chinese side offered their assistance to train the initial batch of Indian teachers to teach Chinese language in Indian schools and also to work with the Indian side to set up assessment standards. No agreement has been signed in this respect.

(c) : As Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) caters to the educational needs of students in various parts of the country, it offers 32 languages at the secondary and senior secondary level out of which 12 are foreign languages. China being one of the major global economies and mandarin being the language spoken by a large population, CBSE considers introduction of mandarin as one of the languages at the school level to be useful.