

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

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PHALGUNA SAKA VERNACULAR MEDIUM IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to encourage the vernacular medium in primary school level and for this any incentive will be made in Twelfth Five Year Plan to develop infrastructure in this sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) National Curriculum Framework (NCF) - 2005 recommends that home language or mother-tongue of children should be the medium of learning in schools, particularly at primary stage. Section 29 (2)(7) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, which has become operational with effect from 01.4.2010, provides that medium of instruction shall, as far as practicable, be in the child's mother tongue. Details of incentives to be provided during the 12th Five Year Plan on this account have not been developed.