

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

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TEACHING OF REGIONAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of teaching of regional languages under New Education Policy;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government for promotion of Hindi and other regional languages in school education;
- (c) whether undue emphasis has been given to English in our present system of education;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The three-language formula recommended by National Policy on Education, 1986, (as modified in 1992) stipulates that at the secondary stage, the State Governments should adopt, and vigorously implement, the three-language formula which includes the study of modern Indian language, preferably one of the southern languages, apart from Hindi and English in the Hindi speaking States, and of Hindi along with the regional languages and English in the non-Hindi speaking States. As per the Seventh All India Educational Survey conducted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), with reference date 30.9.2002, 90.61% of schools in the country follow the three-language formula at upper primary stage and 84.86% of schools follow the formula at the secondary stage.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Three-language formula provides for study of English language along with Hindi and other modern Indian languages. National Curriculum Framework, 2005, recommends for multilingual education for school children.