

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REGIONAL LANGUAGES IN KVS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Policy on three language formula including modern Indian language at school level and the manner in which the same is followed or proposed to be followed by the Central Schools (Kendriya Vidyalayas) located in the States and the National Capital; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken to teach regional language including Odiya as a subject to primary and high schools level as the same is precondition for Civil Services of the State?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Three language formula emphasises the teaching of at least three languages to ensure that students passing out of the secondary school have an adequate knowledge of these languages to foster multilingualism, the traits that improve cognitive growth, social tolerance, divergent thinking and scholastic achievements. Under this formula first language to be studied must be the mother tongue or the regional language. The second language will be some other modern Indian language or English in Hindi speaking states; and Hindi or English in non-Hindi speaking states. The third language will be Hindi or English or modern Indian Language not studied as the second language.

As per the scheme of studies of Kendriya Vidyalaya, a student studies 2 languages i.e. Hindi and English from Class I to V. Sanskrit is offered as third language for classes VI to VIII. From class IX onwards, students may offer any two languages from amongst 18 regional languages, including Odiya, prescribed by CBSE in Secondary curriculum. But one of these two languages must be either Hindi or English. Regional languages may also be offered as an additional language/subject from class IX onwards. However, arrangements for teaching of the regional language/mother tongue shall be made, provided 20 or more students opt for the same.