

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

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ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether most of the students want to learn English language in view of getting employment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether everybody can afford to get his child educated in such private English medium schools who charge exorbitant fees;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to make English as the optional subject in every Government school;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b): Several students show a preference towards learning English in school.
- (c): As per Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliation Bye-laws, the fees charged by the school should be commensurate with the infrastructure and the facilities provided.
- (d)&(e): As per the scheme/syllabus in CBSE affiliated schools, a student has to study English upto VIIIth class. In classes IX and X, a student has to study two languages out of which one is compulsorily either Hindi or English. In classes XI and XII, a student can opt either English or Hindi as one of the Languages. Both Hindi and English can also be offered simultaneously by students.
- (f): Does not arise.