

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRESTIGE OF NATIONAL LANGUAGE HINDI
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the report of National University of Education, Planning & Administration; and
- (b) if so, the details of salient features of this report and the action taken by the Government thereon to enhance the prestige of national language Hindi?

Answer

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

(a) &(b): The National University of Education, Planning & Administration (NUEPA) have informed that according to its District Information System for Education (DISE), the number of children studying in Hindi medium has increased from 6.35 crores in 2009-10 to 6.99 crores in 2011-12 in grades 1-5. The children studying in Hindi medium constitute a little over 50 percent of all children enrolled in primary grades (i.e. grades 1-5).

At upper primary level i.e. in grades 6-8, number of children studying in Hindi medium increased from 2.24 crores in 2009-10 to 2.75 crores in 2011-12. At upper primary grades, the number of children studying in Hindi Medium constitutes about 45 percent of all children.

Medium of instruction in schools is determined by the State/Union Territory Governments and the Central Government has no role to play in this matter. However, the Central Schools and Navodaya Vidyalayas follow the guidelines of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in this regard. The CBSE has taken various measures to promote Hindi such as it is compulsory from class I to class VIII in all its schools, at Classes IX & X level Hindi can be opted as one of the two languages or as a sixth additional subject and at the Senior School level. Hindi could be offered as one of the five main electives or as a sixth additional subject. Hindi is offered at different levels like Course-A and Course-B at the secondary level and Elective and Core subject at the junior secondary level so as to facilitate the learning of the language in non-Hindi regions also. The CBSE gives freedom to schools to follow teaching learning process through Hindi Medium. It also provides question papers in Hindi Medium.