

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3999
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MAITHELI LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

to reply given to Unstarred Question No.6649 on 16 May, 2012 and state:

- (a) whether a large number of Maitheli speaking people live in various States and want to teach Maitheli as a subject to their wards;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for starting the teaching of Maitheli in all the universities of metro cities located in States other than Bihar;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up Maitheli Academy at national level; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

- (a): As per Census 2001 data, Maithili is spoken by about 1.28 crores people of the country living in various States/UTs. No information is available with the Government of India in respect of Maithili speaking people who want to teach Maithili as a subject to their wards.
- (b) Universities are autonomous bodies competent to take all academic and administrative decisions which includes teaching of Maithili Language. Government has no role to play in such academic matters of the Central Universities.
- (c) & (d): Government of India has established the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) at Mysore to advise and assist the Central and State Government in the matters of language, language policy and development of all Indian languages including Maithili. Therefore there is no felt need to set up a separate Academy for Maithili.