

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

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EDUCATION IN INDIAN LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether educational courses in colleges and universities are imparted only in English in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that adequate efforts to teach all courses in Indian languages have not been made;
- (d) if so, the response of the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether any measures have taken by the Government to provide education in Indian languages at colleges and universities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The universities are autonomous in the matter of choosing a medium of instruction for educational courses. Academic matters are taken up by the universities as per their respective Act, Statutes and Ordinances. Further, the colleges affiliated to the universities are to adhere to the directions of the affiliating universities. Many universities and colleges are already imparting education in various regional languages.

(e) & (f): Following the recommendations of the National Policy on Education, the Government has been working towards facilitating the use of regional languages in universities and colleges. In this regard, the National Translation Mission at the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore has undertaken the work of translating textbooks and other books from English into regional Indian Languages to be used by the universities and colleges.