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COMPULSORY TEACHING OF HINDI IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made plans to make the education in Hindi compulsory in all the private and Government schools upto intermediate under various education boards throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a)&(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). Education, being a subject in the concurrent list of the Constitution, and the majority of schools and colleges being under the jurisdiction of the State Governments, it is for the respective State Governments/Union Territories to take an appropriate decision in the matter.

However, as per the three language formula under the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986, Hindi is a language taught as first, second or third language in all school education boards in India. In the schools affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Hindi is compulsory from class I to VIII. In classes IX-X, either Hindi or English is one of the two languages compulsorily taken by all the students. Any one out of Hindi or English can be the compulsory language at class XI-XII level.