

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

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PRIMARY EDUCATION IN MOTHER TONGUE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has felt a need to impart primary education in mother tongue in all schools of the respective States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bring out a national policy to make State language compulsory medium of instruction at primary education in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years. The RTE Act has become operative from 1st April, 2010. The Section 29(2)(f) of the RTE Act provides that the medium of instruction shall, as far as practicable, be in the child's mother tongue.