

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

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ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of English medium schools functioning in the country at present along with the number of students studying therein, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the number of proposals for opening of English medium schools pending with the Government, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Education, being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, and the majority of schools being under the jurisdiction of the State Governments, it is for the respective State/UT Governments to take appropriate steps in the matter. However, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) does not grant affiliation exclusively for a school in one particular linguistic medium, as the Board conducts examinations by providing an option to candidates and also supplies bilingual question papers in English and Hindi. The Ministry of Human Resource Development opens and runs the Kendriya Vidyalayas and the Navodaya Vidyalayas which are not specifically English- medium schools.