

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

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FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN SCHOOLS

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) which has introduced Chinese as a foreign language in the schools has to withdraw it in 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the CBSE in a pilot project has now tied with Hanban to get Chinese teachers for schools;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which these teachers will start teaching Chinese in the schools?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced Chinese in the year 2011-12 in classes VI-VII as a third language on a pilot basis and had not withdrawn it in the year 2012.

(c) to (e): The CBSE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Hanban Institute. The CBSE has selected 25 schools comprising Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and schools of the Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi and private independent schools for the teaching of Chinese in the 1st phase.