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Medium of Instruction

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

- (a) the details of language policy as it is implemented;
- (b) the names of the centrally and State sponsored schools where medium of instruction is official language Hindi;
- (c) the number of schools in the country wherein medium of instruction is English along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to remove such contradiction in the education policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) The National Policy on Education, 1986 reiterates the need for implementation of the three language formula, which is as follows:

(i) The First language to be studied must be the mother tongue or the regional language.

(ii) The Second language will be some other modern Indian language or English in Hindi speaking States. In non-Hindi speaking States, the second language will be Hindi or English.

(iii) The Third language will be English or a modern Indian language not studied as the second language in Hindi speaking States. In non-Hindi speaking States, the third language will be English or a modern Indian language not studied as the second language.

(b) to (d) 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/ Union Territory Governments to determine the medium of instruction in State schools. No information about the medium of instruction in the State schools is maintained centrally. As regards the Centrally sponsored Schools, medium of instruction in the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya from class VI to VII or VIII is regional language. Keeping in view the difficulties faced by children in Non-Hindi speaking areas, the medium of instruction from class VIII or IX and onwards is English. In respect of schools under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, as per Article 111 of Education Code for Kendriya Vidyalayas, the medium of instruction is bi-lingual, that is Hindi and English.
