

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:50

ANSWERED ON:26.11.2014

THREE LANGUAGE FORMULA OF KVS

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

- (a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has issued any guidelines in respect of three language formula in consonance with the National Education Policy, 1968 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Kendriya Vidyalayas had introduced German as a third language in place of Sanskrit in contravention of the education policy; if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) exists and has been renewed between the KVS and a private organization for training language teachers including Sanskrit teachers in German language so that they can teach the foreign language;
- (d) if so, whether representations have been received from teaching community against this move and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has asked the KVS to reconsider its decision and if so, the response of KVS in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 50 RAISED BY DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT AND SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th NOVEMBER 2014 REGARDING THREE LANGUAGE FORMULA OF KVS

(a) Yes, Madam. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) had vide Office Memorandum dated 21st March, 2001 issued instructions to all Kendriya Vidyalayas that Sanskrit will be taught compulsorily as third language from class VI to VIII with effect from the academic session 2001-02.

(b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) introduced teaching of German language in Kendriya Vidyalayas vide their letter dated 5.1.2011. In terms of this letter German language was offered as an option to Sanskrit in Classes VI to VIII. Subsequently, Kendriya Vidyalayas offered German as a third language in its schools from Classes VI to VIII as per the MoU concluded between KVS and Goethe Institut on 23rd September, 2011. This was violative of the provisions of the National Policy on Education & the National Curriculum Framework.

(c) As on date, no Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) exists between KVS and any private organization for training language teachers including Sanskrit teachers in German language. However, two MoUs dated 07.04.2009 and 23.09.2011 were entered into with Goethe Institut to train teachers as well as, inter alia, help recruit contractual teachers to teach German language. However, these MoUs have not been renewed.

(d) No representation in this regard has been received by the KVS (Hq.) from the teaching community. However, a Writ Petition W.P(C) 3002/2013 was filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi by Sanskrit Shikshak Sangh which has since been disposed off by the Hon'ble Court on 15.10.2014.

(e) KVS was directed vide letter dated 14.10.2014 to place the matter regarding teaching of Foreign Languages in the KVS system before its Board of Governors (BoG) so as to align it with the provision of the Three Language Formula as envisaged in the National Policy on Education and National Curriculum Framework. The KVS has accordingly placed the matter before the BoG at its meeting held on 27.10.2014. The BoG decided that teaching of German language as an option to Sanskrit may be discontinued forthwith. However, the Board decided that German can be taught to students of Class VI to VIII, if they so desire, as an additional subject or Hobby class but not as a third language. Necessary instructions in this regard were issued by KVS on 11.11.2014.