

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TEACHING OF GERMAN LANGUAGE IN KVS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an MoU between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Goethe-Institute (Max-Mueller Bhawan) for teaching of German Language was entered into some time back;
- (b) if so, the number of students who studied German language under the MoU during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the MoU is not being renewed now; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and its likely impact on preparing Indian youth for a globalised world?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a): Yes, Madam. An MoU dated 23-09-2011 was entered between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Goethe-Institut (Max-Mueller Bhawan) to introduce German language as one of the third language from class VI to VII for teaching to the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas. The provision of the MoU were violative of the provisions of the three language formula mandated under the National Policy on Education.

(b): The number of students who studied German under the MoU during each of the last three years is as under:

Year	Students who studied German as 3rd language
2012-13	17772
2013-14	36728
2014-15	50978

(c): The MoU has not been renewed.

(d): Some of the provisions of the MoU concluded between KVS and Goethe-Institut (Max-Mueller Bhawan) in September, 2011 were not consistent with the provisions of the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1968 relating to Three Language Formula as well as the provisions of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005. The Sanskrit Sikshak Sangh has also challenged the introduction of German in KVS through Writ Petition (c) No. 3002/2013 in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. An affirmation was given before the Hon'ble High Court for having the matter examined de novo. The matter was accordingly placed before the BoG for consideration at its meeting held on 27.10.2014. The BoG decided that teaching of German Language as an option to Sanskrit will be discontinued forthwith. Foreign Languages would be taught to such students of class 6th to 8th as an additional subject or hobby class, if they so desire, but not as a 3rd language as it violates the Three Language Formula. As such the decision to discontinue teaching of German as a third language would not have any impact upon the Indian youth in preparing them for a globalised world. Besides German, Chinese is also being offered in some KVs as hobby class.