

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:666

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EDUCATION IN MOTHER TONGUE

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

(a) whether the Government is considering to implement a policy to adopt mother tongue /State`s official language as medium of instruction/teaching at primary level to the children particularly tribal children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (e): Section 29 (2)(f) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides that the medium of instruction shall, as far as practicable, be in child's mother tongue. The Govt. of India has financially supported 11 States/UTs to develop teaching material in approximately 75 tribal languages.