

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the three-language formula across the country in letter and spirit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives of the three language formula;
- (c) whether the said formula is being implemented effectively and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Sanskrit was later excluded from the three language formula in the State of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to include Sanskrit in the said formula in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) The National Policy on Education (NPE)-1986 reiterated the need for the implementation of the three language formula in its true spirit. The Three Language Formula was recommended by the National Policy on Education (1968). The Three Language Formula as stated in the 1968 policy is:

# The First language to be studied must be the mother tongue or the regional language

# The Second language

In Hindi speaking States, the second language will be some other modern Indian language or English.

In non-Hindi speaking States, the second language will be Hindi or English.

# The Third language

In Hindi speaking States, the third language will be English or a modern Indian language not studied as the second language.

In non-Hindi speaking States, the third language will be English or a modern Indian language not studied as the second language.

The National Curriculum Framework-2005 inter- alia states that the Sanskrit may also be studied as a Modern Indian Language (MIL) in addition to these languages. The major objective of three language formula is to promote language harmony and equality among languages in school education by making provision for the study of three languages.

(d) to (e) Education is in the concurrent List of the Constitution of India. It is for the States to finalize their own Curricula and Syllabi.