

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REPLACING GERMAN WITH SANSKRIT IN KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to replace German with Sanskrit as the third language in the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Sanskrit has been included in the syllabus upto 12 standard across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the KVs have sufficient number of Sanskrit teachers;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to appoint Sanskrit teachers in all KVs at the earliest;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to include teaching any other Indian and/or foreign language including Bengali, Telugu and Tamil as an optional language in KVs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): Teaching of German Language in Kendriya Vidyalayas as a Third Language (as an option to Sanskrit), has been discontinued as it was violative of the provisions of the National Policy of Education, 1968 (NPE) and the National Curriculum Framework, 2005 (NCF) relating to the Three Language Formula. German Language would however be available to such students of class VI to VIII as an additional subject, if they so desire.
- (b): In the Kendriya Vidyalayas, Sanskrit is offered as a third language from Class VI to VIII and from Class IX to XII, it is offered as an elective subject as per the choice of the students according to Scheme of Studies prescribed.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Madam. However, recruitment of teachers is a continuous process, and teachers are appointed on contract basis wherever required.
- (e) & (f): In the Kendriya Vidyalayas, the option of studying Sanskrit or any Modern Indian Language is currently available to students in classes VI to VIII.