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Title : Need to include Tamil language as a medium of education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN (NAGAPATTINAM): It is commendable that the Union Government evinced keen interest to promote primary education. In our country the awareness for the need to have primary education must spread. Through various measures like compulsory Universal Education and Right to Education, efforts are on to achieve near total literacy. Union Government is now taking upon itself the need to strengthen our Education System and Institutions. Through Government of India's Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan primary education gets a new impetus with stress on Mathematics and Science. I wish to point out that this is a lop sided approach as it fails to help strengthen skills in mother tongue along with other disciplines. The importance of acquiring strong foundation in one's mother tongue needs no elaboration, as it is an elementary and rudimentary universal truth. In Tamil Nadu, since we have 2 languages formula, Tamil teachers have to be appointed in all the primary schools. This is necessary because the medium of instruction thereafter in majority of the schools remains to be Tamil. For appointing teachers and getting study materials in Tamil, more funds must flow. Hence, I urge upon the Union Human Resource Development Ministry to include our mother tongue Tamil and similarly in every state their mother tongues also in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and allocate adequate funds.